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THE RAIL

Hubbard visits
residence halls

As part of "Meet the President," President Dean Hubbard will spend time in several residence halls listening to and addressing student questions, comments and concerns about their school.

Hubbard will meet students in the new Hudson and Perrin halls at 10 a.m. today in the lobby between the two halls. On Thursday, Sept. 6, he will visit the main lounges of Phillips, Millikan, Dieterich and Franken at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., respectively.

Refreshments will be provided, as will Culture of Quality comment cards for students that wish to fill them out.

Offutt hosts book
signing next week

Mass Communications instructor, Jason Offutt will have a local book signing next week.

Offutt will be at the Maryville Public Library from signing his book, "Haunted Missouri" from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday Sept. 10.

Correction

In the Aug. 30 issue of the Northwest Missourian, the name of Nodaway County Treasurer Mary Noel appeared incorrect in an article.

Thursday

Relay for Life Hot Dog Eating Contest sponsored by Hy-Vee. Registration starts at 6 p.m., contest begins at 6:30 p.m.

Intramural softball entries close, meeting at 4 p.m.

Sorority Song, 5 p.m., Performing Arts Center

Late Night at the Union, poker, 10 p.m.

Study Abroad Information Session, 2 p.m., IIC Living Room in the Union

Last day for 50 percent refund for dropped trimester course or withdrawal.

Friday

Music Department Inter-Organizational Picnic, 5 p.m., Donaldson Westside Park

Bearcat Volleyball Classic, Bearcat Arena

Saturday

PRAXIS Session I, 8 a.m., Colden Hall third floor

Women's/Men's Cross Country Bearcat Collegiate Open, College Course

Football at Nebraska-Omaha, 6 p.m., Omaha, Neb.

Sunday

Soccer at Northeastern State (Okla.), 1 p.m.

Lutheran Campus Center \$1 supper, 5:30 p.m.

French movie: "L'augerge Espagnole (The Spanish Apartment)", 6 p.m., Wells Hall 141

A.N.T.S. pizza party, 5 p.m., College Park Pavillion

Monday

Sorority Preference Day, 5 p.m.

Study Abroad Information Session, 3:15 p.m., IIC Living Room, Union

Intramural softball begins, 3:30 p.m., Donaldson Westside Park

Intramural Field Goal Kicking, 4 p.m., Bearcat Stadium

Robert Royhl Painting Exhibit opens, DeLuce Gallery

Dog Days on Campus (Advocated for Animal Awareness), 5-6 p.m.

Wednesday

PRSSA meeting, 5 p.m.

Visitin writers: Rebecca Aronson, John Gallaher, 7 p.m., Union Boardroom

Volleyball vs. Southwest Baptist, 7 p.m., Bearcat Arena

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Campus welcomes Hellogoodbye next week

By Lindsay Jacobs
University News Editor

Hellogoodbye, a powerpop—indie band will be in concert at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 14 at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

The concert is sponsored by the Student Activities Council (SAC).

Tickets for students are free at the Student Services Desk in the Administration Building.

Students must show their Bearcat Card, said Wesley Miller, the Student Activities SAC Lecture Chairman. The tickets for the public will cost \$5, Miller said.

The opening act for the concert has not yet been determined.

The band signed the contract last week to play the concert, said SAC co-concert chair, Brandon Matulka. Hellogoodbye is a four-person band, made up of Forrest Kline, Marcus Cole, Jesse Kurvink and Chris Profeta.

The band was formed in 2002, according to Billboard.com.

They are known for the songs "Here in Your Arms" and "Shimmy Shimmy Quarter Turn."

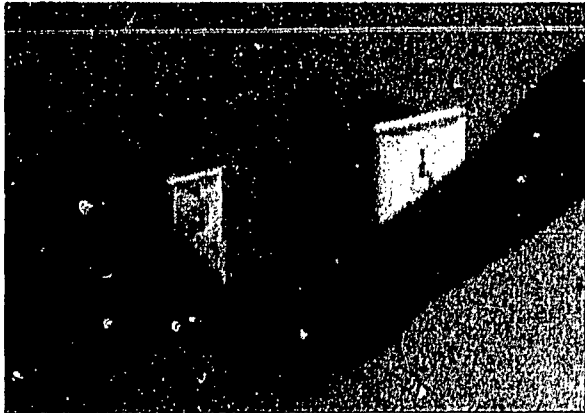
The Student Activities Council previously signed bands such as Hinder, Papa Roach and Chris Cagle to perform on campus.



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CAMPUS PUTS SAFETY FIRST

Many recommendations from Virginia Tech report in place at Northwest



MOST CAMPUS ENTRYWAYS are equipped with FOB's, which only allow access by assigned keys.



EMERGENCY TOWERS PLACED in high traffic areas of campus give students direct contact to Campus Safety.



NORTHWEST STUDENTS SARAH Sauer and Marsha Jennings review the Emergency Checklist placed by Campus Safety in all buildings.

By Lindsay Jacobs
University News Editor

Many questioned how safe college campuses were after 32 were killed, not including the shooter, in the Virginia Tech Shootings last April.

The attack was the deadliest shooting incident in U.S. history, and many wondered how gunman Seung Hui Cho could slip through the cracks, but in one Washington Post report some believed Cho showed warning signs as a child.

At Northwest a task force has been in place for at least three years to discuss the welfare of students who seem emotionally distressed.

The Threat Assessment Task Force, known as TAT, meets once a week for an hour to talk about how to approach the situation and discuss how to help those students, said Student Affairs Associate Vice President, Jackie Elliot. The task force gets its information from faculty, staff, Residential Life staff and students, Elliot said. "I think this is something different than maybe what a lot of universities do," Elliot said. "We bring Campus Safety to the table, we bring people from the Wellness Center, the Counseling Center, Academic Advisement, myself and Residential Life come to the table every Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock," Elliot said.

She would much rather be proactive than questioning how something was missed.

"We're very responsive, some people might say we're aggressive, but I'd much rather be aggressive and responsive than to later say 'Oh we should have done this,'" Elliot said.

If a student lives off campus, and they just attend class, go home and don't get involved in anything, it is possible for the student to be overlooked, Elliot said. If there

General signs a student is distressed

- Agitation
 - High levels of nervousness and anxiety
 - Increased irritability
 - Undo aggressive or abusive behavior
 - Changes in personality
 - Changes in hygiene
 - Bizarre, alarming and psychotic behavior
 - Over dependent
- Courtesy Tim Crowley

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-Student affairs associate vice president Jackie Elliot

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Smart money, smart business

Series two of a three-part look at economic development in Maryville

By Sean Comer
Community News Editor

If the right location matters most in growing a successful business, proper financing might place a close second.

Frank Veeman, Director of the Northwest Small Business Development Center at Maryville, has seen entrepreneurs come and go.

The SBDC at Maryville makes starting, would-be business owners off on the right foot its primary goal.

However, many entrepreneurs enter the business arena unprepared for everything leading up to the American Dream's bottom line—ownership of one's own business. Most small businesses need sizable loans that usually require a positive credit history and an up-front cash investment in the business's launch, Veeman said.

Many banks require a 15 to 25 percent or more commitment of funds before offering a loan to prospective business owners, Veeman said—what he calls, "the pound of flesh." In addition, grants tend to specialize in financing higher-tech business prospects.

"The banks will want their investment in that business," Veeman said. "That provides one of the real challenges for a lot of small businesses."

About 750,000 new businesses open in the United States each year, Veeman said. Of those businesses, an estimated 60 to 70 percent survive the first five years. Veeman cites a fully thought-out set of goals as a trait banks prize in potential investments and a lacking quality that sets some business owners up for failure.

"When [entrepreneurs] come in, one of the things we normally ask them is 'How much money do you want to make?'" Veeman said. "Well, if they say 'I think I can make ten-thousand dollars,' then the question is, do they want to work 40 to 60 hours a week and get paid \$10,000 a year?"

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DREAM INITIATIVE

St. Joseph's past — clues to Maryville's DREAM future?

By Sean Comer
Community News Editor

Maryville's new status as a 2007 Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri initiative city carries great possibilities.

Only 19 other Missouri cities bear the "DREAM city" label. Gov. Matt Blunt implemented the state resource-pooling program to aid in the growth of small and mid-sized Missouri communities' downtown areas.

The Missourian spoke with Rebecca Boerkircher, Executive Director of the St. Joseph Downtown Partnership, about the results achieved by St. Joseph, a 2006 DREAM city. How do you compare St. Joseph's downtown revitalization before

the DREAM initiative's assistance, and after?

We've been under the DREAM plan for about a year and we have a lot of projects underway.

We have a lot of lofty goals. We want to establish a "quiet zone," an entertainment district and a conference center. With their planning and consultation assistance, we're achieving those goals in a more timely fashion than we could have on our own.

Are there any projects that weren't able to become realities before the DREAM initiative?

We're in the process right now of our conference center study to see if the market will support a conference center, how large, where it should be located, strategic positioning—that

sort of thing.

We've got a wonderful 1920s theater here that the city has invested a lot of money rehabbing. The state was able to help us get tax credits to update the sound system in the theater, which will greatly enhance its capabilities.

We're working on major streetscape projects right now. Hopefully through the DREAM initiative, we'll be able to isolate some additional funding sources for additional projects. That was outlined in our master plan in 2001 and another thing we hope to accomplish is to get an update on that master plan, so that we can move forward with it.

As a downtown development expert, what can you see Maryville achieving through the DREAM initiative?

tive?

Maryville is really fortunate in that it's kind of compact.

You've got the traditional "town square." You can build on the successful businesses that you already have in your downtown area. It's already fairly walkable. You've got some infrastructure issues with streets that you're currently working on. You're doing some things similar to what we're doing down here.

I don't know how much flack you guys get in Maryville, but we get a lot of flack here in St. Joseph about parking and not being able to park in front of businesses. Well, the whole ideology is to get a nice pedestrian environment so people get out of their cars and walk. They experience the community by walking in it and

experience the historic buildings and things of that nature by actually walking around. So that's what we're trying to accomplish here as well.

Do some of those things set Maryville apart, in terms of a DREAM starting point, from St. Joseph?

Our downtown area is really expansive and we've got a lot of really large buildings we have to deal with. I think Maryville will be able to capitalize on this quicker because it's compact, you've still got your traditional square.

I think you guys will actually be able to capitalize on this a lot quicker. I was very excited when Maryville was named a DREAM city because I really think they'll be able to come in and head you guys in a direction where you'll see results pretty quick.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

NWAAA hosts 'Dog Days on Campus'

Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness will hold "Dog Days on Campus" from 5 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, and from 1 to 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Bell Tower.

Faculty and staff are invited to bring their dogs for the purpose of welcoming new students.

Those who are interested in bringing their dog should e-mail Kristina Hargin at KHargin@nwmissouri.edu or Paco Martinez at PMartinez@nwmissouri.edu. All dogs must be licensed, on a leash and have all their shots.

Sign-up for Friends of International Students

The deadline to sign up for Friends of International Students is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7. Those interested in becoming involved this trimester should e-mail Friends@nwmissouri.edu at Friends@nwmissouri.edu or call Ann Lech at 562-1958.

Orientation sessions for first time friends will be held at 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 10 and Tuesday, Sept. 11 in Meeting Room D in the J.W. Jones Student Union. Only one session has to be attended.

Northwest Visiting Artists series to begin

Painter Robert Royhl's exhibit opens the 2007-08 Visiting Artists Series.

His paintings will be on display from Monday, Sept. 10 to Friday, Oct. 5 in the Olive DeLoe Fine Arts Building. The exhibit opens with the artist's slide show and talk about his work during the lecture/reception at 7 p.m., Sept. 10 in the fine arts building, room 244.

The exhibit will be displayed in the first-floor gallery with viewing hours from 6 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Still time for BRUSH volunteer sign-up

Beautifying Residences Using Student Help (BRUSH) will take place in two shifts from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15.

Students will fix up and paint homes for owners who are unable to. Each year more than 150 students volunteer. Volunteers come from the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing, Greek Organizations, other groups on campus and individual volunteers from campus as well as the community. BRUSH was founded in 2002 by Northwest first lady Alea Hubbard.

Those that are interested in participating should call The Volunteer Programs and Service Learning Office at 562-1954.

MISSOURI ACADEMY



KENNETH RO (SEATED IN MIDDLE) and Ingun Kim (seated far right) are two of the 12 South Korean students studying this year at the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing.

Academy recruits diverse students Program expands beyond boundaries of Missouri borders

By Shane Sherwood
Chief Reporter

International students and non-Missouri residents are now being accepted into the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing.

The newly enrolled students total 88 this year, while the average is normally 52.

This includes 12 South Korean students, two students from Kansas, one student from California and one student from Maryland.

This is the first year students outside of Missouri could attend, even though the Academy was planning on making it more diverse, said Cleo Samudzi, Academy dean.

While the main goal for the Academy is diversity, another goal is to increase enrollment, which is determined by the capacity of the North Complex, Samudzi said. The North Complex includes Cooper Hall and Douglas Hall.

"The goal was to increase to 250 when the Missouri Academy started. It is still our target," said Samudzi.

The Academy is also looking into recruiting students from Panama and China, even though they would accept students from any country as long as they meet the right criteria, Samudzi said.

For an international student

to be accepted to the Academy, they must know how to speak English. They are required to complete an English class to better their fluency, which is offered through the Academy.

This class begins five weeks prior to Northwest classes starting.

While there are only South Korean students from abroad attending now, the Academy is working on accommodating international students, Samudzi said.

"We want to know how to handle international students," Samudzi said.

Bui Kim and Jeong in Buyn, two South Korean students currently attending the Academy, said the program is a head start to a profound education in mathematics and scientific studies.

"I can focus and study on subjects that I can benefit from," Buyn said.

While students are now being accepted internationally, allowing non-Missouri residents was something the Academy aspired to do, Samudzi said.

Even though international students and non-Missouri residents are allowed and can be accepted to the Academy, Samudzi still recognizes the Academy's first priority.

"Our primary commitment is Missouri students," Samudzi said.

The Academy:

52 average enrollment for first-year students.

88 first-year students currently enrolled in the Missouri Academy

12 students currently enrolled from South Korea.

4 students currently enrolled from out-of-state, one from California, one from Maryland and two from Kansas.

Incoming students: The "Vanguard" class of class of 2009 includes high school juniors and joins the 40 returning students.

Background: The Academy opened August 2000, with 41 high school juniors from Missouri enrolled.

The purpose is to prepare graduates for success in science, mathematics and technology programs at higher education institutions.

When students complete the two-year program they receive a high school diploma and an associate of science degree.

CONSTRUCTION

Residential Life phase III planning in progress

By Dominic Genetti
Senior Reporter

With the new Perrin and Hudson residence halls officially open, Northwest officials are making plans for phase III of the Residential Life master plan.

The master plan is a series of improvements to on-campus living. Planning for phase III is scheduled to begin sometime in October; however, Northwest Auxiliary Services Director Mark Hetzler said a trip is booked in late September to visit other regional campuses to view newly opened facilities.

"We'll really look at everything and make what we hope is an informed decision," Hetzler said.

Accompanying Hetzler on the trip is Director of Residential Life Matt Baker, Student Affairs Associate Vice President Jackie Elliot, Finance and Support Services Vice President Ray Courter and a University architect.

Possible campus visits include Truman State University, University of Missouri-Columbia and University of Missouri-Kansas City.

No immediate plans are set for phase III, but an increase of upper-classman housing is a possibility.

Given the popularity of Tower Suites, additional suites may be built as opposed to apartments or a combination.

nation of both, Hetzler said. "While all that is in the plan, we're really starting from square zero."

Financial considerations are factors for phase III as well. "Missouri doesn't supply any taxpayer money for non-academic facilities," Courter said. "So we have to do that on our own, borrow the money on our own, therefore our students who use the facility are the ones that have to repay the debt through user fees."

When plans grow firmer for a new project a financial aspect will be more visible.

"I really don't know what we'll do for phase III," Courter said. "We've already probably borrowed, in phase I and phase II, around \$60 million."

Aside from finances with phase III, Courter said future projects depend on future freshmen enrollment.

"If the University continues to enjoy new growth, at the growth being primarily from freshmen, then I suspect we're going to have to look seriously at freshman resident halls sooner than we might have thought eight years ago."

Talks and planning over phase III should take a year or more, Hetzler said. Current freshmen will be seniors or graduated by the time phase III becomes a reality, he said.

B-I-N-G-O



SOPHOMORE KENDRA SOGARD calls numbers during Late Night of the Union: Bingo Night. Student Activities Council sponsors these events to keep students entertained on campus.

Greek Recruitment Calendar

Sept. 5—Greek Information Session; 5 p.m., Union-Ballroom

Sept. 6—Sorority Song; 5 p.m., Performing Arts Center

Sept. 7—Day One Events; 5 p.m., Various Fraternity/Sorority Houses

Sept. 8—Day Two Events; 2 p.m., Various Fraternity/Sorority Houses

Sept. 9—Day Three Events (Philanthropy Day); 5 p.m., Various Fraternity/Sorority Houses

Sept. 10—Day Four Events (Preference Day); 5 p.m., Various Fraternity/Sorority Houses

Sept. 11—Bid Day; 4 p.m., Various Fraternity/Sorority Houses

PERSONALITY PROFILE

Former professor publishes children's book of Northwest Missouri sayings

Shane Sherwood
Chief Reporter



"She may not be that old, but she's not spring chicken."

Bob Bohlen says in his latest book, *Listening to Rural Midwestern Idioms: Folk Sayings*.

Bohlen, a former professor at Northwest for 30 years, retired in 2000. He now resides in Maryville and writes children's books about communication skills and memories of his past.

Graduating from a high school class of 10, Bohlen enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, but was still in basic training when the war ended. After the war, Bohlen became a dental hygienist.

Bohlen attended Peru State College, in Peru, Neb., where he majored in communication. After graduating three years later, Bohlen returned to Missouri to teach language arts.

He went back to school at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln where he received his masters in speech and theater communication. Bohlen returned to Peru State Col-

lege as an instructor, and soon became an assistant professor.

Bohlen published his first book, titled *Bobby Gones Up...While Grandpa Listens*, in 1986. His second book was called *How the Rabbit Became the Easter Bunny*, which he wrote for the Optimist Club. His third book, titled *I How to Talk Northwest Missouri Talk*, was published in 1995. It is Bohlen's most successful book, selling more than 1,800 copies.

Bohlen's fourth book came out in 2001, and was titled *The Adventures of a Native Buddy Bole*. His fifth book, titled *Listening to the Mules and Their Chatter*, was published in 2003. In 2006, Bohlen published a memoir of his life as a professor, titled *Tales from the Old Prof*.

Bohlen's latest book breaks down sayings from northwest Missouri and teaches them to children, while entertaining adults who already know the sayings already. The book is available at the Bearcat Bookstore, the Maryville Daily Forum office, the Nodaway Newsdealer office and at HyVee. He will be signing books from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Friday September 7 at the Maryville Public Library.

Bohlen said he is enjoying his retirement and likes playing golf in his free time.

"It is very refreshing for me to be responsible for myself and not other people," Bohlen said.

CONSTRUCTION

New water towers could be in Maryville's future

By Sean Comer
Community News Editor

Maryville's newest city budget includes the construction of two new water towers.

The city plans to begin construction on two 750,000-gallon water towers by mid-March. The additional towers will more than double the city's current supply from 1 million gallons in one working tower, to 2.5 million gallons in three towers, Maryville City Manager Matt LeClerc said.

A study two years ago pinpointed northwest and southwest Maryville as areas with unacceptable water pressure in fire hydrants, Maryville Public Works Director Greg Decker said. Although all areas exceeded the Missouri Department of Natural Resources required 20 pounds per square inch of water pressure, some hydrants in northwest and southwest Maryville fell below the city's standard of 60 pounds per square inch.

"We have to have good fire-flow throughout Maryville in case of emergencies," Decker said. "We stepped back and looked at options, and we believed it would be better to have two small towers to serve the area. Once you have the need, you need to make sure you can pay for the need."

The Maryville City Council most recently provided \$2 million in the prospective budget for the next fiscal year to fund the towers' construction. Decker estimated the two towers' construction should cost between \$800,000 and \$900,000 a piece. The \$2 million should cover both the towers themselves and their respective installations, Decker said.

Maryville currently relies on one working one-million-gallon tower on Edwards Street. The city spoke to a Northwest planning committee in recent months about building the tower near the Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo Arena. However, David Duvall, Northwest's Associate Director of Environmental Services, said plans have since shifted to building 100 feet northwest of the Materials Distribution Center.

"Next to the rodeo arena is fine for city expansion," Duvall said. "But there isn't the piping in the ground to support [the tower]. The cost of building by the MDC should be less, and seems to fit the theme of our service area."

The city has considered building the southern tower on land near Applebee's, though Decker said the city has not secured the land yet.

The city will also replace the liner inside the Edwards Street tower and contract an undetermined firm to remove the tower at Ninth and Mulberry streets, which leaks too heavily to operate, within the next year. The salvage value of the non-working tower will likely cover the cost of removal, Decker added.

Decker predicted no water service interruptions through the eventual project.

"Folks won't even know it's going on," Decker said. "There will be no impact."

QUICK ACCESS

Internet makes new control system simpler

By Andrea James
Copy Editor

A new control system allows Maryville public schools' heating and cooling systems to be accessed through the Internet by faculty and staff.

HAVC Online Automated Control System allows teachers to set temperatures in different rooms, said Vickie Miller, Maryville R-II school district superintendent. Each room will have a control system that can be accessed through the Internet.

"People in each building will have a panel of controls they need to get the job done," Miller said.

The software was put together by Automated Control Systems, building grounds Superintendent Ron Wilson said.

School maintenance crews can also access the system when a problem occurs, he said. Wilson, along with a representative from ACS headquarters in Kansas can look at the problem on the Internet and troubleshoot the problem.

"It is accessible for me, because if there is a problem on the weekend or when I'm on vacation, I can get on the Internet and look at it without actually coming in," Wilson said. "Before

STORE CLOSING

Simmons Village closes After 26 years Bernie Simmons closes the doors to patrons, auctions off belongings

Dominic Genetti
Senior Reporter

Leaning her elbow on the counter with her head resting on her fist, Bernie Simmons watches 26 years of memories flash before her eyes as an auctioneer sells different items from her business.

The longtime co-owner of Simmons Village Restaurant with her husband, Dell, in Maryville's Northside Mall decided to close up shop because of an inability to keep the business going by herself.

Dell, unable to walk, left operations of the restaurant to his wife.

"He quit in February and I worked until Aug. 17 with my two grandkids," Bernie, 70, said. "Life goes on, I have to take care of myself."

Business began for Dell and Bernie in Sioux City, Iowa near Morningside College and later moved to Wayne, Neb., and Peru, Neb., before settling in Maryville.

The couple opened their Northside Mall restaurant in 1982 serving deli sandwiches

and soup. Eventually patrons became friends.

Gary Baumli was one of them.

"I hate to see it close," he said. "It was just a nice little place to have a cup of coffee with friends."

Aside from missing the business itself, Bernie said she's going to miss the people.

"We had people that ate with us all 26 years," she said. "It hurts, I've cried so much; but you don't think there aren't any tears left, but there is."

Driving past the Northside Mall just won't be the same, she said.

Many gathered at the restaurant Aug. 30 one final time for an auction and the opportunity to buy different items.

"It's going to hit the community," Baumli said. "It was a landmark."

Bernie said she plans to stay in Maryville, while Dell lives in a local nursing home.

A future business for the former restaurant space is not known.

CITY BRIEFS

Downtown jewelers to move south

Creston and Son Jewelry will soon christen a new location.

The downtown jewelers will move from their location at 119 W. Third St. around Sept. 21 after eight years, to open a new location by Sept. 24 at the Village Plaza South at 1002 S. Main St., said co-owner Tim Creston.

The Crestons took over Marfice Jewelry in July 1999. Their West Third Street building has housed various downtown jewelers since the 1940s.

"We're kind of off the beaten path," Creston said. "We thought we would move down Main Street and see if we could increase business a little bit."

Creston and Son Jewelry also serves the St. Joseph area from their store at 510 N. Belt Highway. Creston recalled the flagship store making a similar adjustment to a changing environment.

"Our business had been downtown since 1908," Creston said of his family's first store in St. Joseph. "We moved out on the Belt Highway just to try it out with a small store. We found that everybody was going there and bypassing downtown, so we moved our entire store out on the Belt Highway in 1990."

Rodeo stampedes into Maryville

The Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo will usher in its 12th consecutive year of fun and competition this weekend.

The annual event supporting Northwest rodeo team scholarships kicks off 7 p.m., Friday, and continues 7 p.m., Saturday, at Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo Arena. Six Crowns Rodeo Company brings its national reputation for raising prime rodeo stock to Maryville this year. Co-organizer Holly Phillips said that can only be a good thing.

"We're stepping it up, trying to get better entertainment," Phillips said. "The bucking horses and bulls will both be better than ever."

Phillips recalls her late husband, Ed, "working day and night" to get the facility ready for 1995's inaugural rodeo. Ed, a Class-of-'69 Northwest alum, died because of complications from injuries suffered in a horse-riding accident two weeks before the first rodeo.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 10 years old and under and free for children 5 years old and younger. Patrons can save \$1 on admission by purchasing tickets in advance at Hy-Vee.

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During last year's Bid Day, new recruits are welcomed into their respective sororities. Each girl is welcomed with T-shirts, balloons and gifts. After accepting their new pledges, most sororities pose for Bid Day photos.

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Campus Safety should be praised

We live in a time and place where cell phones can play your favorite YouTube videos, dorm doors can be unlocked from across campus and the contents of the Library of Congress can be accessed from Maryville. We live in a country that allows us the technology to get the information we need faster than anyone ever imagined.

However, on April 16, 2007, all the technology in the world didn't stop Seung Hi Cho from committing the deadliest shooting in U.S. history. The Virginia Tech panel report released Wednesday, Aug. 30, pins blame on a number of people and institutions that should have seen the warning signs. Everything from communication problems, issues with the mental health system and uncertainties of student privacy laws were highlighted in the report.

While high school administrators, parents and a judge knew of Cho's mental disability, educators and campus safety members did not. Cho refused court-ordered treatment, and when he did go to the campus counseling center they lost his records and never treated him. And of course, the two-hour gap in the shooting when campus was allowed to stay open after two students were found dead with no suspect in sight.

After April 16 universities' public safety departments around the country scrambled to update their safety policies. Northwest, however, was ahead of the curve and had begun updating their policies dealing with emotionally distressed students before the shooting.

The Threat Assessment Task Force, TAT, gets compiled information from faculty, staff, Residential Life staff and students. TAT meets once a week and discusses possible approaches to situations with members of Campus Safety, Residential Life, Academic Advisement, and the Wellness and Counseling centers.

Over the summer Northwest was incredibly proactive in adjusting their safety policies. Campus Safety updated the voice alarm system on campus, Simplex System, to add some new messages; locks were put on all doors, allowing them to be locked from the inside; and security and emergency placards were placed in classrooms and dorms. Even at athletic events programs and announcements now contain emergency policies.

Northwest also met a lot of the 22 points suggested for schools to follow in the report published by the governor's Campus Security Task Force, according to Campus Safety Director Clarence Green.

While no one can guarantee complete protection against someone like Cho from striking another campus or school, it is within reason to say that Northwest has done a remarkable job getting the ball rolling on improving our safety standards.

Have opinions? Want them heard?

The Northwest Missourian opinion page is looking for students and community members interested in being guest columnists or editorial writers for the fall trimester.

So, if you're a political animal, a news fanatic or just need to get something off your chest, feel free to submit.

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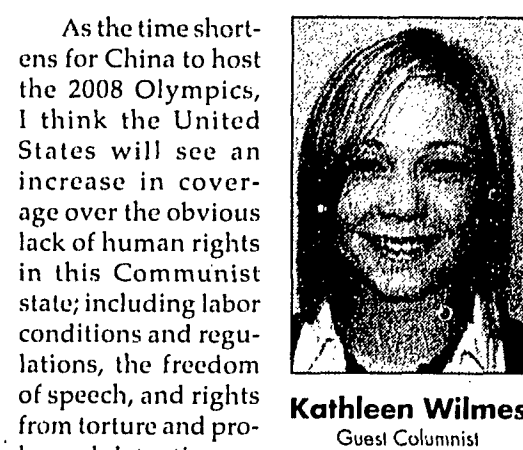
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OPINION



MY VIEW

Stand for change in China from home



Kathleen Wilmes
Guest Columnist

As the time shortens for China to host the 2008 Olympics, I think the United States will see an increase in coverage over the obvious lack of human rights in this Communist state; including labor conditions and regulations, the freedom of speech, and rights from torture and prolonged detention.

In one instance with concern to labor regulations, under fire in the United States

it was discovered that brick kilns in northern China had grossly taken advantage of children and adults with mental disadvantages by kidnapping and enslaving hundreds of people, paying little to nothing under cruel working conditions.

In regards to obvious international rights, Internet companies, including Yahoo! and Google, have been

for aiding oppression by turning over information of Internet users to the Chinese authorities, leading to the abuse against Chinese journalists and activists, as well as censoring the search process by blocking certain words, phrases and Web sites.

I think everyone can agree that even though these issues are across the world in a country with an entirely different culture, they still have a profound effect here at home. So what can we do as students of Northwest, residents of Nodaway County, citizens of the United States and leaders of

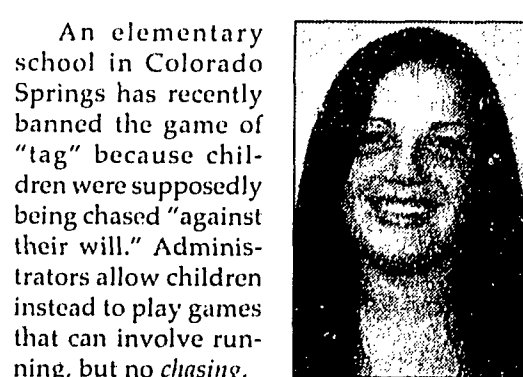
the world?

Starting big, Germany sets a prime example by openly criticizing China for censorship and the abuse of political advocates. United States companies could stop condoning the abuse of human rights by severing the business ties. And average citizens can make an impact as well. We can stop giving our business to these corporations, and check to make sure where the products we purchase are from.

In any way possible, we need to stop trading human rights for profit.

MY VIEW

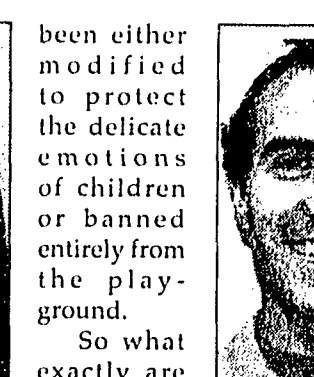
Games are not the real problem in elementary schools



Sarah York
Guest Columnist

An elementary school in Colorado Springs has recently banned the game of "tag" because children were supposedly being chased "against their will." Administrators allow children instead to play games that can involve running, but no chasing.

This is one of many examples of traditional childhood games, including



Jeff Kanger
Guest Columnist

So what exactly are we protecting our kids against? The unimaginable anguish of being chosen last on a playground kickball team, or facing the fact 12-year-old girls

are now dressing like they are 20?

Schools and parents are simply sheltering their children from the wrong things while turning a blind eye to issues that are far more destructive to our youth like childhood obesity, teen pregnancy and drug abuse.

We are creating a society that doesn't want competition, a winner named or a child with hurt feelings. Well kids, in the real world

you must be a competitor, there will be a winner and a loser and your precious feelings will at some point get hurt.

If our children are denied the opportunity to learn how to handle these experiences at a young age with their parents' support and guidance they will be unprepared to handle the trials and tribulations of adolescence and adulthood.

These are their formative years, a time for kids to celebrate victory and a time for them to learn how to handle defeat.

Perhaps most importantly, a time to learn you need to run faster than the kid chasing you.

C'mon Colorado!

CAMPUS TALK

Since the Virginia Tech shootings, have you felt safe on campus?



"I don't live on campus so I'm not here as much, but I feel the same. It doesn't affect me as much."
Elisa Schmeltz
Art



"I feel safe on campus. It was really sad what happened there but I feel campus safety has students in mind."
Wesley Miller
Broadcasting, Advertising



"Yes. We have a lot of policies, like we have to escort people through hallways at night and campus safety comes to our advising classes to let us know they're there."
Danielle Filkins
Elementary Education



"Yeah, because we have a smaller campus in a smaller town and campus security seems really good."
Tyler Ramackers
Interactive Digital Media



"Just as safe. I don't feel as if anybody is going to shoot us up any time."
Mallory Rives
Organizational Communication

PUBLIC SAFETY

Aug. 20

■Lost/stolen property, brown purse and contents, 2600 S. Main

Aug. 22

■Christopher C. Stephens, 25, Maryville, wanted on warrant, failure to appear, 600 N. Market

Aug. 24

■Vicky M. Quick, 20, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, 300 E. Seventh

Aug. 25

■Assault, ongoing investigation, 500 W. Seventh

■Mackenzie Chesnut, 19, Lee's Summit, Mo., minor in possession of intoxicants, 1000 N. Dewey

Aug. 26

■Jessica A. Van DerSluis, 18, Maryville, possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana, driving without a valid license, failure to display lighted headlamps, 200 N. Main

■Joshua L. Turnbull, 20, Coin, Iowa, minor in possession of intoxicants; Andrew L. Clark, 20, minor in possession of intoxicants, 200 N. Market

■Jared R. Smith, 23, Maryville, leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident, driving while intoxicated, careless and imprudent driving, 100 S. Main

■Christopher R. Bougher, 24, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, driving without a valid license, 1500 S. Main

■April L. Spargue, 18, Clarinda, Iowa, minor in possession of intoxicants, open container in vehicle, College Park Drive

■Larceny, gas, 600 S. Main

Aug. 27

■Larceny, cash, 1100 S. Main

Aug. 28

■Larry J. Mossburg, 29, Maryville, larceny, 1600 S. Main

ACCIDENTS

■Helen M. Craig, 58, Maryville, collided with Larry E. Cady, Dewey, Mo., at the intersection of Halsey and Main Street.

■Benedict Kohleppel, 76, Parnell, Mo., collided with George Groumoutis, 57, Maryville, at the intersection of Main Street and Lieber.

OBITUARIES

Ralph Stanton Mauzey Jr., 56, Maryville, died Monday, Sept. 3, 2007, at his home.

He was born Jan. 29, 1951 in St. Joseph, the son of Ralph Mauzey Sr.

A graduate of Benton High School in St. Joseph, Ralph was a U.S. Army veteran, having been disabled in the Vietnam War.

On April 1, 2005, he married Monica Marzen Anderson in Maryville.

A member of St. Gregory's Catholic Church, Ralph also belonged to A.A. in Maryville.

He was preceded in death by his father and his grandparents: Ray and Gladys Mauzey, in whose home he was raised.

Survivors include his wife: Monica, of their home; a daughter: Becky Lynn Mauzey, Owensville, Mo.; stepdaughters: Clara Anderson, Maryville and Lena Anderson, Kansas City, Mo.; brothers: Ray Mauzey, Clarksdale, Mo., and Richard Johnson, Topeka, Kan.; sisters: Dorothy Davidson, Clarksdale, and Cindy Warren, Topeka; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

The Legion of Mary Rosary will be 4:00 p.m., Thursday, at Price Funeral Home, Maryville.

Visitation is 6:00-7:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, at Price Funeral Home.

A Memorial Mass will be at noon, Friday, at St. Gregory's Catholic Church, Maryville.

James Edward Gray American Legion Post 100 will conduct military services at St. Gregory's Catholic Church, immediately following Mass.

Inurnment will be in Clarksdale Cemetery, Clarksdale, at a later date.

Memorials may be made to St. Gregory's Catholic Church or to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Ralph's name.

New report finds the surge hasn't cut attacks on Iraqis

By Renee Schoof
and Warren P. Strobel
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON—The surge of additional U.S. troops in Iraq has failed to curtail violence against Iraqi civilians, an independent government agency reported Tuesday.

Citing data from the Pentagon and other U.S. agencies, the Government Accountability Office found that daily attacks against civilians in Iraq have remained "about the same" since February, when the United States began sending nearly 30,000 additional troops to improve security in Iraq.

The GAO also found that the number of Iraqis fleeing violence in their neighborhoods is increasing, with as many as 100,000 Iraqis a month leaving their homes in search of safety.

The GAO's conclusions contradict repeated assertions by the White House and the Pentagon in advance of the coming congressional debate on whether to stay the course in Iraq or to begin some withdrawal of U.S. troops.

Neither a July report from the White House nor a report last month from 16 U.S. intelligence agencies, however, provided any statistics to support their claims that the surge has improved security. The GAO report, in contrast, includes charts showing the number of attacks against Iraqi civilians, Iraqi security forces and U.S. troops. Only attacks against U.S. troops have declined in recent weeks.

In testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Tuesday, U.S. comptroller general David S. Walker, who heads the GAO, said he couldn't vouch for charts that

Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., said Army Gen. David Petraeus, the U.S. commander in Iraq, had shown him during a recent congressional visit to Iraq. Coleman said those charts showed a decrease in violence.

"Let's just say that there are several different sources within the administration on violence, and those sources do not agree. So I don't know what Gen. Petraeus is giving you," Walker said.

When President Bush announced in January that he'd dispatch more troops, he said the goal was to cut sectarian violence so the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki could work out political compromises on key issues among Iraq's rival religious and ethnic groups.

Supporters and opponents of the surge now agree on at least one thing: Al-Maliki has been unable to

bring about those agreements. So does the GAO. Its report found that of the 18 benchmarks Iraq's government set for itself, three have been met, four have been partially met and 11 haven't been met.

"Overall, key legislation has not been passed, violence remains high, and it is unclear whether the Iraqi government will spend \$10 billion in reconstruction funds," the report said.

The GAO said it couldn't determine whether sectarian violence in Iraq is down "because measuring such violence requires understanding the perpetrator's intent, which may not be known."

But the report said it was possible to assess the overall daily number of attacks against civilians. A chart showed that those attacks have remained relatively constant throughout 2007, despite

the additional U.S. troops. The GAO referred a request for precise numbers to the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Army Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno, the No. 2 U.S. commander in Iraq, acknowledged the controversy over the numbers in comments to reporters in Baghdad on Tuesday. But he said that violent incidents in Iraq are at their lowest point in 15 months this week.

"There's been some controversy about civilian casualties," Odierno said. "Ours still see it as below what it was. We think we're making progress."

The GAO said that the Pentagon disagreed with its conclusion that there was no discernible trend in sectarian violence and provided the agency with additional data. But the GAO said it wasn't persuaded and didn't change its conclusion.

Innovative program teams rescued dogs with prison inmates

By David Casselevens
McClatchy Newspapers

VENUS, Texas (MCT)—Bradley Watermire is serving five years for manslaughter. He has known all kinds in prison. Many convicts are quick studies, but his new cellmate—a loner type, quiet, nervous, withdrawn—was an enigma. He wasn't sure how they would get along.

As the 27-year-old offender talked about those first tentative days this summer when they began sharing Cell 12 at the Sanders Estes Unit, his roommate crossed the 8-by-10-foot cubicle without speaking and, in an egregious breach of etiquette, even for state prison, began lapping, thirstily—and loudly—from the toilet. "She doesn't like her (water) bowl," Watermire said, in defense of his new best friend.

Jenny, about 5 years old, is guilty only of trusting others to protect and provide for her. Rescued by Camp Wolfgang, a dog shelter in Ennis, Texas, and the purchased German shepherd suffers from hip dysplasia, a condition that can cause pain and lameness. For two years she has been overlooked many times for adoption, rejected because her left ear droops.

The happy dog padded back to her favorite resting place, a bathmat outside her crate next to the inmate's narrow metal bed.

Jenny is part of a program in which neglected, abused and abandoned dogs are paired with carefully selected members of the prison population who are taught to train and care for them. Inmates feed, groom and take the animals outdoors on schedule, four times daily.

Inside the concrete walls, behind high fences topped with razor wire, Jenny, about 5 years old, is guilty only of trusting others to protect and provide for her. Rescued by Camp Wolfgang, a dog shelter in Ennis, Texas, and the purchased German shepherd suffers from hip dysplasia, a condition that can cause pain and lameness. For two years she has been overlooked many times for adoption, rejected because her left ear droops.

"I thought, 'Eight weeks. I won't get attached to a dog,'" Watermire said. "I was wrong."

He gives Jenny one aspirin, twice a day. In turn, she makes her handler's time in lockdown pass more quickly.

"She's right there, at the (cell) door," he said, smiling at the image of the prancing, tail-wagging greeting that awaits him at the end of his workday.

Their time, the inmate regrets, is almost over. Jenny soon will be paroled and adopted.

Dogs are called "man's best friend" for a reason. For the incarcerated, they help alleviate feelings of loneliness, boredom and isolation. Inmates chosen for the program—a privilege that is lost if they commit any disciplinary infraction—feel empowered as they learn a new skill. Many speak of experiencing a measure of rehabilitation themselves. Some become more empathetic and caring as a result of being responsible for another living being.

Estes Unit is the third Texas prison to implement Paws in Prison. The program, at no cost to taxpayers, is run by Michelle Gacconet, K9 manager with the GEO Group, a private company that operates 20 penal facilities in Texas.

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INMATE BRADLEY WATERMIRE shows concern for Jenny who suffered a seizure, August 8, 2007, at the Sanders Estes Unit of the state prison system in Venus, Texas. Select inmates are allowed to train rescued dogs to be adopted to new homes as pets.

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"If they're (faculty, staff and students) concerned about somebody let someone know," Elliot said. "That's the key, let somebody know... it's good citizenship... take care of your neighbors."

Over the summer a few adjustments were made around campus for safety.

Some of the messages in the Simplex System, the voice alarm system on campus, were adjusted to add a few words, said Campus Safety Director, Clarence Green. The Simplex System is in 98 percent of buildings on campus, alternatives such as phone calls are being looked into for the other 2 percent. All residential and academic buildings fall in the 98 percent, Green said.

Locks were put on all classroom doors which allow them to be locked from the inside, Green said. Security and emergency checklist placards were also placed all over

campus, Green said.

Starting this year announcements before sporting events as well as emergency plans printed in the programs allow the crowd to know what is expected of them in case of an emergency, Green said.

This summer Green served on the governor's Campus Security Task Force. The task force met several times starting May 1 and ending Aug. 23. At the end of the summer they submitted a report to the governor, Green said.

The report established 22 best practice points for schools to implement, but no school was forced to bring them into practice.

Northwest had a lot of those practices already in place, Green said.

During the meetings the group looked at plans for all hazards, not just shootings.

Northwest is in the process of reviewing the best practice points that are not currently part of the University's planning at this time,

such as surveillance cameras and mass text messaging. Timelines are in the works to see if and when those ideas will be brought to Northwest, Green said.

The University has considered text messaging has been looked into, but sending a mass text message could mess up the system, Elliot said.

She thinks the Simplex system is the best way to get message out, and they are still thinking of ways to alert those off campus.

There is work being done for a training program to teach faculty and staff about identifying emotionally distressed students.

Counseling Services Director, Tim Crowley is working with Green on a program that should be implemented by the end of this semester, Crowley said.

If students know someone on campus who they think is emotionally distressed the worst thing they can do is try and deal with it on their own, Crowley said. If they live

on campus they can seek help from the staff in their residence contact the Counseling Center, but they are limited because of confidentiality laws about what they can do Crowley said.

Faculty and staff are also a resource to make referrals to the Counseling Center, Crowley said. "We want to make that training available to all faculty and staff," Crowley said.

In addition to the training, "back up information" will be available on the Counseling Center Web site, Crowley said. The information will be what they learned in training.

The Counseling Center staff is available twenty-four seven to respond to anything that should arise, Crowley said.

"We want to be proactive in that, and we want to be as responsive as possible to help create a safe living—learning environment for all of our students," Crowley said.

Judge partially vacates conviction in controversial school fight case

By Howard Witt
Chicago Tribune

HOUSTON (MCT)—Ruling in a racially charged case that has drawn scrutiny from national civil rights leaders, a judge in the small central Louisiana town of Jena on Tuesday partially vacated the conviction of a black teenager accused in the beating of a white student while the district attorney reduced attempted murder charges against two other black co-defendants.

Judge J.P. Mauffrey Jr. threw out a conspiracy conviction against Mychal Bell, granting a defense motion that Bell's June trial was improperly held in adult court and should instead have been conducted as a juvenile proceeding.

But Mauffrey let stand Bell's conviction on aggravated second-degree battery, for which the 17-year-old faces up to 15 years in prison when he is sentenced

on Sept. 20.

On that date, thousands of demonstrators from across the nation are planning to descend on the town of 3,000 to protest against the prosecution of Bell and five other black youths who have come to be called the "Jena 6."

In the months since the Chicago Tribune first reported the Jena story last May, civil rights groups, including the NAACP, the ACLU, the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Congressional Black Caucus, have all criticized what they assert is the uneven application of justice in the mostly white town.

The six black youths were all initially charged with attempted second-degree murder after an incident last December at the local high school in which a white student was attacked and knocked unconscious after an alleged taunt by him.

MONEY: Finances make or break business

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"There are other uses for money and other uses for their time that are very competitive and they need to understand that when they start out," Veeman added.

Angie Coleman bought Wearhouse Exchange, a used clothing store on South Main Street, in November 2006. At 5 p.m. Tuesday, she and her eight-year-old daughter, Haley, ran the store themselves because of a sick employee.

Angie said she and Haley would end up staying until the store closed. She also offered the words of wisdom for the road to financial freedom.

"Don't expect to pay yourself," Coleman said. "Some get into buying a business and think it's a large source of money right away and it's not."

"When you're investing yourself in a business, you're investing yourself and your time and often your own money because you want

your business to last and stay. You'd better like what it is and like what you're doing."

Across South Main Street, Service Lube Manager Jerry Lutz closely echoed Coleman's advice, with a touch of thrift.

"For my first year, I'd have my goals planned," Lutz said. "Too many people go into this without a sound business plan."

"Make sure any spending is necessary," Lutz added. "You have to keep costs down as much as possible."

Even corporate franchisees hopefuls don't enjoy immunity from start-up costs, Nodaway County Economic Developer Lee Langerock said. While independent businesses do not incur franchise costs to open a Taco Bell or Wendy's, entrepreneurs may still need to invest in preparing some sites to meet the corporate model for a franchise.

Costs can vary with each prospective location, so a franchise's

chances of opening can vary with the owner's willingness to invest. Additionally, many corporations require their franchisees to remodel approximately every five years, Langerock said.

"That's why wherever you travel, the inside of certain franchises look the same," Langerock said. "That's part of the name-identification: That you know what you're getting into."

Like Veeman, Langerock thinks planning can make a difference between success and failure in business.

Langerock specifically cites the effective financial planning of corporate franchises to account for the lean start-up period. Local, independent businesses often do not allow themselves enough "working capital" to sustain themselves through the initial stages, Langerock said.

Langerock added that a supply of working capital becomes crucial in cities, such as Maryville,

with a population that can dip seasonally.

"They say 'OK, I'm going to be profitable in six months,'" Langerock said. "Depending on the business, that's generally not a realistic expectation. If you don't plan for [working capital], that's the thing that's going to kill the business."

Veeman finds the corporate landscape to contain signs of hope for businesses starting at the bottom of the barrel.

"If you read *Fast Company* or some other magazines, you start seeing people who started on a shoestring and are now fairly successful," Veeman said. "But they also recognized what they were trying to accomplish, who their market was and they did their homework."

"There are no guarantees. But there are a lot of opportunities."

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War Bonds: Songs and Letters of World War II

General Public: Orchestra \$20, Balcony \$18
Northwest student with valid ID: Orchestra \$15, Balcony \$13

Take a musical journey through a war that redefined the world. This living history cabaret is interspersed with personal letters from the front and headline news of the period. Actual veteran's stories create a sentimental journey back through the days when blackouts and rationing were a small sacrifice in order to obtain freedom. War Bonds transcends generations by rekindling memories and providing a history lesson.



7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4

The Five Browns

General Public: Orchestra \$20, Balcony \$18
Northwest student with valid ID: Orchestra \$15, Balcony \$13

"The Fab Five." "One family, five pianos and 50 fingers add up to the biggest classical music sensation in years." These are just two descriptions of The Five Browns. This youthful, all-American quintet of brothers and sisters, each a virtuoso concert pianist, has awakened the sleeping genre of classical music by appealing to a large and very broad audience. The musicians honed their skills simultaneously at New York's Juilliard School. This is "classical" classical music, but not quite as you've ever heard it.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30

St. Petersburg Ballet Theatre performing "Carmen"

General Public: Orchestra \$20, Balcony \$18
Northwest student with valid ID: Orchestra \$15, Balcony \$13

The company, founded as the first Theatre of Ballet in Russia, will give the audience a four-act performance of "Carmen." This famous opera features Carmen, a Spanish gypsy, a soldier, Don Jose; his girlfriend, Micaela; and Escamillo, a hunky bullfighter. It's a story of love and betrayal that ends in death.

7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11

Ring of Fire

General Public: Orchestra \$25, Balcony \$23
Northwest student with valid ID: Orchestra \$20, Balcony \$18

The music of the "Man in Black," legendary Johnny Cash, ignites the stage in this new Broadway musical featuring 38 signature songs that were performed by Cash. Stories of passion, redemption, humor and salvation set the stage ablaze in this musical celebration of the world's most favorite rebel. With favorites like "Walk the Line," "Hurt," "Folsom Prison Blues," "A Boy Named Sue," and the title track "Ring of Fire," audiences will tap their toes, stomp their feet and shout for more.

7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13

Parsons Dance Company

General Public: Orchestra \$25, Balcony \$23
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Since 1987, The Parsons Dance Company has thrilled audiences on six continents, having given more than 1,500 performances and a great many educational and community outreach residency activities. Parsons takes seriously its mission to make modern dance accessible to the widest possible audience throughout the world. The Company is comprised of nine full-time dancers and maintains a repertoire of more than 70 works (20 with commissioned scores) by artistic director and founder David Parsons.

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8 p.m. Tuesday, March 18

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NW FOOTBALL

"We've got to come out with a sense of urgency and just get it done."

- Northwest co-captain Mike Peterson



NEBRASKA-OMAHA jumped out to an early 21-0 lead in 2005 after two touchdown passes from quarterback Brian Masek and a 57-yard touchdown run from Jamar Day (middle).

HOSTILE TERRITORY

"This is a huge game for me. For us (from Nebraska) this is bigger than the Missouri Western game."

-Northwest defensive coordinator Scott Bostwick

"It's something we've been talking about since summer and that's we haven't beat the University of Nebraska-Omaha (at Omaha) since 1996 and that's a top priority to this football program to go up there and win."

-Northwest offensive coordinator Adam Dorrel

"You walk out and get booed right away. It's loud. It's a lot like Arrowhead. They got about 12-15,000 people every home game. It's pretty intense. It's a lot of fun to play in, even if you're the other team."

-Northwest co-captain Dallas Flynn

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

The numbers say it all in the Northwest—University of Nebraska—Omaha series under Northwest coach Mel Tjerdema.

Being the road team isn't always a good thing. Saturday, No. 2 Northwest travels to No. 11 Nebraska-Omaha's Caniglia Field—a venue Tjerdema is 1-3 at in 13 years at Northwest.

"I think the big thing is just to win there," Tjerdema said. "Nobody on our team has won there, except for a few of us coaches in '96."

The last win came in the 1996 playoffs as Northwest running back Jesse Haynes' last-second touchdown catch sealed a 22-21 victory and Northwest's first playoff victory.

Northwest offensive coordinator Adam Dorrel, who was an offensive lineman on the '96 team, took the importance of the game a step further with three simple reasons.

"No. 1, they're coming into the conference (next season), No. 2, we have a huge alumni base there," Dorrel said. "And No. 3, we go head-to-head almost all of the time in recruiting kids. It's crucial. We need to beat those guys."

In Northwest's last meeting at Omaha in 2005, the Mavericks jumped out to a 21-0 lead, hanging on for a 28-23 win. Senior defensive end Dallas Flynn, a native of Blair, Neb., said history cannot repeat itself.

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"I think coming out and playing right away is the big thing," Flynn said. "Last year, we were down before we were off the bus. They came out and handed it to us. We just got to come out right away ready to play from the snap and jump on them."

Flynn nearly signed with UNO after graduating from high school in 2003, only to sign with the Bears and see his scholarship offer from UNO rescinded. Flynn, known for being outspoken, paused for a second when asked if that was extra motivation.

"I don't know. I think that it's just another game," Flynn said. "(Jared) Erspamer gets all excited because it's Omaha, and it's his hometown, but it's just another game."

Flynn, linebacker Erspamer, wide receiver E.J. Falkner, cornerback Chris LeFlore and running back Xavier Omon comprise starters hailing from the Cornhusker State.

"It's exciting. I'm going to have a lot of people at the game," Omon said, who rushed for 181 yards and two touchdowns in the 2005 game. "It's very exciting to play in front of your hometown, but we can't worry about where we're playing. It's going to be loud, it's going to be exciting and a lot of people (will be) there, but we still got to win."

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How Northwest has fared at Caniglia Field since 1996

Nov. 23, 1996—NCAA First Round #2 Northwest 22, Nebraska-Omaha 21

Sept. 4, 1999 #1 Northwest 17, #9 UNO 40

Went on a 13-game winning streak after loss, ending in the school's second consecutive national championship.

Aug. 30, 2001 #5 Northwest 21, #5 UNO 24

Northwest finished 7-4, missing the playoffs for just the third time under Tjerdema.

Sept. 3, 2005 #5 Northwest 23, #7 UNO 28

Northwest went on to become the first team in playoff history to win three consecutive road-play games to reach the national championship.

MHS FOOTBALL

Maryville tries to avoid letdown

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

On the heels of its biggest win in nearly three years, and with a strong Benton team looming next week, the Maryville football team finds itself in a trap game situation.

Last season, Maryville demolished a Lafayette team that went winless on the year, 41-12, in week two.

Despite a totally revamped coaching staff and improved player participation, the Fighting Irish won't likely pose the same test Chalice the did, but coach Chris Holt is confident his team won't succumb to taking its home opener lightly.

"Well I just hope we approach this week the same way we do any week," Holt said. "I know we have a coaching staff and let's hope the kids have too. I don't think we're going to overlook them."

Lafayette does possess a backfield game-breaker in running back Jacquan Davis, who, before tearing knee ligaments last season, rushed for 270 yards, including a 68-yard touchdown against the Spoofhounds. Davis also rushed for 63 yards and a touchdown in one half in the St. Joseph Jamboree against Benton last week.

Holt said the focus is on shutting down the elusive tailback and forcing them to win with passing, something that wasn't shown in the Jamboree.

"We're just going to take away what they do best and that's tossing him the football," he said. "He's more of a speed back so it'll be a different type of running game than what we saw last week. They throw the ball (in their scrimmage) but it was only in long-down situations where they knew they had to pass. We'll be interested to see if they try to do much short passing because they really didn't show much on film."

While the 'Hounds have their own game-changing force in the backfield in Adam Mattson, who rushed for 102 yards and caught a 74-yard touchdown last week, they intend to open up the passing game a bit more. In 2006's contest, quarterback Andy Walter had one of his best games, throwing for three touchdowns. Benton also threw for 168 yards against Lafayette in their half last week.

Sophomore linebacker Jacob Zech wasn't impressed by the Irish last season, but maintains his team cannot have a first quarter like they did last Friday.

"They're not really a juggernaut at all," he said. "As long as we don't start off slow like we did, I think we'll be fine."

Kickoff is at 7 p.m., Friday, at the 'Hound Pound.

MHS SOCCER



MARYVILLE FORWARD Steven Scheffe maneuvers around Benton defender Bryn Winger in Tuesday's 7-0 victory.

Rogers, 'Hounds hammer Cardinals

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

For two senior forwards, Tuesday's game against Benton was merely target practice.

Behind Jon Rogers and Klay Talmadge's five combined goals, the unrelenting Maryville soccer team battered Benton, 7-0.

Rogers and forward Steven Scheffe put Benton in a hole from the opening whistles, scoring goals in the game's first five minutes. Ten minutes later, Talmadge tallied another goal giving the 'Hounds a 3-0 halftime advantage.

Even with the game firmly in hand, the Spoofhounds scored four more second half goals. Rogers scored two more goals for a hat trick, while Danny Steiner also added another goal.

"(Rogers) can play the field," Collins said. "He's very enthusiastic and he knows how to play the game. It's enjoyable to watch."

"What (the seniors are) doing right now, it shows that they're mentally tough," Collins said. "They love the game of soccer and they're willing to do what they have to do and I lay a lot of this at the feet of these seniors."

The win brings the 'Hounds to 4-1 on the season heading into the Excelsior Springs Tournament.

Nick Rasmussen, who notched two assists, said the tournament will provide a sufficient test as Maryville will play nothing but bigger schools.

"This tournament we're entering is a pretty difficult tournament so this'll show us when we stand," he said. "We play Excelsior first, and if we can go on from there, we'll be playing Kearney. Those will be two of the biggest competitors we play all season."

MHS TENNIS



SERENA EULER strikes the ball back to a Savannah opponent during Tuesday's match. Euler and Mallory Jobst were the lone 'Hounds' to muster a victory during the 9-2 loss.

'Hounds' inconsistency remains against Savannah

Top two players win in singles competition; 'Hounds' struggle in doubles

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

The top two players for the Maryville High School girls' tennis team were the only ones to notch victories in the teams 9-2 loss to Savannah, Tuesday.

Mallory Jobst and Serena Euler won their singles matches—Jobst winning 8-2 and Euler winning 9-7.

Euler had a long night coming back from a 6-1 deficit while battling illness and an uncooperative racket.

"I got pretty lucky today," Euler said. "I caught on pretty late in the game. I won 1-6, and I came back from that."

Though Euler plays with deficits often, Euler was getting a little frustrated with her play.

To help her, Jobst, her friend and doubles partner, cheered with the crowd and encouraged her friend to overcome her deficit.

"She's a fighter," coach Tricia Knowles said. "Her and Mallory, they fight."

That fighting spirit is exclusive to the top players on the team, Knowles said. It has allowed Euler to move to 2-0 on the year—both come from behind victories.

The rest of the team didn't fair as well in singles competition with Jill Lawyer, Elaine Endicott, Lindsay Shipley and Afton Kinman losing 8-6, 8-5, 8-3 and 8-2 respectively.

Disappointing singles play meant the Hounds had to win every doubles match in order to win the dual.

Euler and Jobst finished eighth in the state in doubles play last year.

"They have a special connection," Knowles said. "They're very supportive of each other... even the thought of them not playing doubles, they were having a fit."

Despite their special connection, Euler and Jobst were unable to come away with a victory moving them to 1-1 as a doubles team.

"Towards the end there were some questionable shots that could have determined the game," Jobst said.

No other team was able to produce a doubles win either, but Knowles was encouraged by her team's improved play.

The Hounds will take the court again at 4:30 p.m., today, at the High Rise Tennis Courts in Maryville.

NW SOCCER

Northwest preparing for final conference tune-up

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Northwest coach Tracy Hoza said during Tuesday's media luncheon that her team had its best practice of the season Monday.

So far, in this early season, that's been the only good news coming from Bearcat Pitch. Northwest dropped to 0-2 Aug. 31 after a 2-1 loss to St. Cloud (Minn.) State.

"We did play better," Hoza said. "We did outrun and out-shoot our opponent. It's still a little bit hard to take a 0-2 start."

Northwest was scheduled to play Wayne State (Mich.) Sunday, but a rash broke out among the visiting team, causing the game to be postponed. It may have been a blessing in disguise with Northwest 1-3 all-time against the Tigers.

"Rash. Is that the P.C. (Politically Correct) way to say it?" Hoza said with a laugh.

Kelsey Sanders broke Northwest's goal-less streak with a goal in the 55th minute. Through two games, Northwest has a shooting percentage of 3.1.

In two games last year, Northwest had seven goals.

Freshman Andrea Freeman said the team needs to get better as a team in order to break out of its slump. Sunday, the team travels to Oklahoma to play Northeastern State.

Northwest is 0-1 against Northeastern, losing 4-0 in 2000. If the history holds, it could be a long road-trip.

"I think with our practices and how well they're going, that we'll be ready to step up in conference," Freeman said.



RAE HILDRETH (left) and Winney Macken (right) fight St. Cloud (Minn.) defender Amy Lindstrom for the ball during a 2-1 loss Aug. 31. The Bearcats are 0-2 on the season and begin the conference season Sept. 14 at Southwest Baptist.

to play Northeastern State. Northeastern recently went 0-1-1—both against MMAA teams—at the Jennies Classic, hosted by Central Missouri.

"It's going to be a competitive game," Hoza said. "We're going to be looking forward to playing on the road."

It'll also be the last non-conference game before the Bearcats begin the conference season, Sept. 14, at Southwest Baptist. Northwest next plays Missouri Southern, Sept. 15, before returning home for a four-game home stand.

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NW CROSS COUNTRY

Competition begins for cross country

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

The Northwest men and women's cross country teams are finally going to see some competition, other than themselves.

Saturday's Spoofhound/Bearcat Invite will be the first time either team has competed against another school this year.

The men competed against one another Sept. 1 during the Alumni Meet in Maryville. Ben Chappell finished first on the squad, while Terol Pursell placed second. Brandon Dart, the lone senior, finished third.

Northwest coach Richard Alsop said the team stayed packed together well during the race.

"Really the top five were all within a minute of each other," Alsop said. "We had a good pack."

Brad Sorensen and Harry Whitaker finished in the top six in the meet. Sorensen said it was good to get out and compete in something different than practice.

"It was a good early season test for us," Sorensen said. "I could tell I hadn't run enough off the offseason, but just like the rest of the team, we'll all progress pretty quickly."

The women will also start their season Saturday, but it may be without their top runner from last year, junior Anna O'Brien. O'Brien totaled first

place on the squad in every race, but one last year, and twisted her ankle during practice earlier in the week.

Northwest coach Scott Lorek said she is questionable for Saturday's season opener.

"It's nothing serious, she just twisted her ankle," Lorek said. "She has been injury-free the last couple of years, as has the team as a whole."

O'Brien (if available) and Karah Spader will run from the top two spots, while Maggie McManigal and Jennifer Dittburner round out the top four. Lorek said the next four spots are too close to call.

"I don't really have a good feeling either way who will be in

the fifth, sixth and seventh spots," Lorek said. "We have some freshmen who could jump up there. We'll just see Saturday."

As of Tuesday, only Peru State has committed to participate in the meet. However, Lorek said more teams could still participate, and is still waiting word on other participants.

The Bearcat/Spoofhound Invitational starts at 9 a.m. with high school girls, and is followed by high school boys at 9:30 a.m.

The Northwest women follow at 10 a.m., and the men round out the competition at 10:30 a.m. The meet is at the new cross country course located on the west side of the Northwest baseball diamond.

NW VOLLEYBALL

'Cats improve in second tournament

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

The record was the same. The placing was the same. But for the Northwest volleyball team, the play was different. The play was better.

"We were more aggressive, and we were smarter," coach Anna Tool said about the team's 2-2 performance. "So, just our decision making improved a lot."

The 'Cats began their weekend with a win over Arkansas-Monticello 3-0, and showed their most consistent play so far this season. They tallied only nine hitting errors, a season-low, and had a 33.3

percent hitting percentage. Outside hitter Rachel Nisi registered 13 kills with two errors while libero Paige Spangenberg added 11 digs to aid the team's ball control.

"If we're going to be successful, we have to have it (ball control)," Spangenberg said. "And when we do have ball control, everything else is a lot better."

The second match against Nova Southeastern (Fla.) would prove to be the most back-and-forth of the season. After winning the first two games, the 'Cats dropped the next three to lose the match.

After building a 25-20 lead and needing only five points to win

the second match, the 'Cats were outscored 13-6 in losing game four 33-31.

"It's frustrating, but that's kind of a part of being a young team like we are," Spangenberg said. "It's just one of those things we'll overcome as we get more comfortable with each other."

The 'Cats appeared a little less aggressive at the net after the first two games of match two, Tool said. But she thinks experience will play a role in helping her young team close out games.

After a tough second match, the 'Cats bounced back with a 3-0 trouncing of Southwest Oklahoma. Johnson led the team with 11 kills and was eventually named

to the all-tournament squad.

The 'Cats dropped the final match of the tournament 3-0 to St. Edwards, but kept every game close, losing by scores of 30-28, 30-27 and 30-26.

The team will continue tournament play when they host the Bearcat Classic this weekend.

"It's going to be a quality tournament," Tool said. "South Dakota's on a hot streak. I think they're like 9-0...so I mean, it's going to be a challenge."

Tournament play begins at 9 a.m., Friday, in Bearcat Arena. The 'Cats take the court at 1 p.m. against South Dakota.

A numbers game

Tournament 1
Hitting efficiency: 15.8%
Average digs: 61.5 per game
Average blocks: 6.6 per game

Tournament 2
Hitting efficiency: 20.1%
Average digs: 58.5 per game
Average blocks: 8.25 per game

AT YOUR LEISURE

TELESCOPES

Today's birthday (09-06-07)

You're a perfectionist, but this year, you can't do everything. Delegate more responsibilities. You don't want to be half any due to overload. Make more time for yourself.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 5—Domestic squabbles are not your favorite form of entertainment. Help them all settle down and work together, to accomplish great things.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is an 8—You'll be thinking about creative projects more for the next few weeks. Do the planning and get the patterns. You can save a lot of money on gifts this year.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 7—There's money coming in, perhaps due to a change at the top. If there's a promotion you'd like to have, apply for it now.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is an 8—You're entering a very creative phase. You may not be very interested in social activities though, unless they're held at your beautiful home. You could go for that.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 6—You can tell that you're accomplishing things when the money starts coming in. It will, so don't slow down. You'll earn more for the dirtier jobs.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8—Friends will be glad to help you find anything you need. They can even lead you to the right person for an important job. Ask and ye shall receive.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 5—Finish an old job quickly and a new one follows on its heels. Don't let yourself be overwhelmed; look forward to the challenge.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is an 8—You're good at keeping secrets, that's why you get told so many. Keep the one that comes under discussion now. Change the subject smoothly without attracting attention.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is an 8—You're more interested in philosophy than finances and yet, as you know, it's nice to have some pocket change. Take care of your business and your business takes care of you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is an 8—Even if you're not working for tips, the same rules apply now. The better you do the job, the more money you'll be paid. Keep a cheerful attitude, too.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 5—This job requires great sensitivity. And, it doesn't pay very well. Should you delegate it to somebody else? Nope, that's not an option.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is an 8—You are incredibly special in somebody else's opinion. At moments like this, it's always a good idea not to argue.

STROLLER

Your Man knows art...and porn

It was porn.

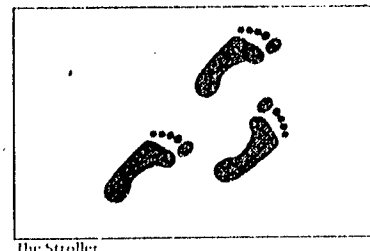
Porn was playing on the screen at Burny's a couple of weekends ago, and I was watching. I had strolled in to partake in sin and redneck watching, when the gyrating silicone and humongous hog of the horizontal hussy caught my eye.

I couldn't look away. It was art.

I've seen a lot of porn in my day, and by now I know that it isn't just a girl from nowhere trying to make it as an "actress" and a guy with monster man parts. It's a tried and true craft—an art form.

Like any art form, it has its masters. Jenna Jameson, Ron Jeremy and Seymour Butts are the Leonardo Da Vinci, Michelangelo and Rafael Sanzio of porn. One more, and we could have a group of crime-fighting porno turtles.

Leonardo was master of the



The stroller

of female porno mastery. Do you think Jameson has had a real orgasm in the last 15 years? I don't see how. I could probably crawl inside of her and wear her as a Halloween costume. But she sells it because she's a craftsman. She'll go out there and make you believe.

Porn and painting are all about expression. Expressing oneself with a brush and an easel is no different than expressing oneself with a sex swing and strap-on.

And then there's the paint, and I think we all know where this is going. It's the painter's key tool. The master painters work with the colors of life—reds, blues, greens and violets. The master "porners" have but one color to paint with...off white.

The stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

BOOK REVIEW

Harry Potter fails to charm editor

By Whitney Keyes
Asst. Features Editor

Rewind to the year 1999. I had just read *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* was destined for greatness.

Instead of great, I would call it a let down. Rather than claim it to be interesting, I would call it boring. And it certainly didn't meet my expectations.

The book starts out grim, with details on how Voldemort is killing, ruining and destroying Muggles and wizards alike. A dramatic fight ensues, involving multiple Potters and a few deaths. Then, Harry, Ron and Hermione set out on their quest, to eventually bring an end to Voldemort. The next several hundred pages are descriptions of the three amigos camping out, hiding from the world and dealing with your typical teenage drama. If I wanted magical teenage drama, I would just watch reruns of "Sabrina the Teenage Witch," thanks. After some pitiful fights and too many accomplishments due to pure luck, the real battle starts. Sparks are flying, people are dying and I thought maybe finally the book was getting good.

But seriously, the war is at Hogwarts? How unbelievable is that? It seemed to me that it was another convenience so that J.K. Rowling's beloved Harry could keep up. On top of that, Rowling wasn't even gutsy enough to kill a main character, like she claimed she had. Fred Weasley died, and that was sad, but only because his actor in the movies was a good-looking fellow.

But, just when I had stopped holding my breath for something exciting to happen, Harry died. I was pretty impressed with the courage of Rowling, to kill off the multi-million dollar Harry. Sad, yes, but mainly, I was excited. Real action, real drama!

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don't exactly understand what happened. Not to mention, besides not explaining what happened, she chickened out and brought him back to life. In my opinion, when people die, they should stay dead. Besides, why can Harry come back, but not his mentors Sirius Black or Albus Dumbledore?

I'm not saying the book was a total letdown. There were redeeming parts. Mrs. Weasley's outburst and her act of rage in killing Bellatrix LeStrange had me cheering out loud. The background story of Severus Snape and his love affair with Harry's mom was actually moving, and interesting. A peek into the life of the man almost the whole world has hated was way past due and most appreciated.

I found the epilogue to be interesting, and I was glad Rowling didn't just end the book with the death of Voldemort. Did anybody else though, get struck with an overwhelming desire to know what Harry actually does as an adult?

All in all, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* wasn't my cup of tea. Maybe we could say it was a bag of Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans, with mostly toenail and vomit flavored beans, with a few marshmallow here and there.

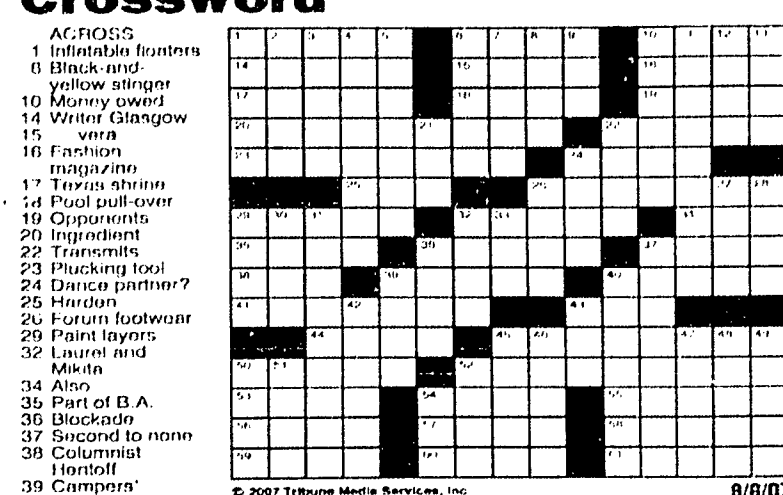
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Unplugged



Staffer spends a day away from digital addiction

Tara Adkins
Features Editor

Do do, do do, ring ring.

I ignored my cell phone as the computer door creaked open from an instant message, an alert from an e-mail sounded and the TV played muffled in the background all while I was engrossed in a life or death game of "Guitar Hero" with my roommate.

Although at times I may seem computer illiterate compared to bigwig, electronic gurus, I really don't think I could live a life without being digitally connected to the rest of the world. Fifteen years ago, although only 7 years old at the time, I would have never imagined the digital life I now live. But I also think I never would have imagined a life being so dependent on something as trivial as checking my e-mail a dozen times a day.

So I decided to face a new challenge. I went one day digital-less. That means 24 hours without my iPod, laptop, digital camera, Internet, TV and cell phone. And it was a challenge.

7 a.m., Aug. 29, 2007.

This is the time I would normally have my iHome awake me from my deep, sweet slumber to the subtle tunes of the local radio station. But since I can't use it, I relied on my internal alarm clock, which was quite the gamble. Surprisingly, it's more accurate than I thought, and I woke up only 12 minutes late after glancing at my analog watch. This will now be my only timekeeping device from now on.

8:30 a.m.

Before I head out the door, I usually check my e-mail, the weather and my Facebook. But not today. I'll have to go Internet-less all day. This might be more difficult than I thought.

9:05 a.m.

First class is starting. Power Points never crossed my mind. All of my teachers incorporate them into their lectures. Do they count? Unfortunately, they do and my teacher will use one. Well let's just say I get three cheats for the day.

10:50 a.m.

So it's pretty much impossible to stay away from electronics when Northwest is known as the Electronic Campus.

I had to use another cheat as my second teacher used a Power Point. Only one more left and it's still just the morning.

Noon.

Thankfully, my final teacher of the day did not use a Power Point and it was a good, old fashioned lecture. Well I wouldn't exactly call it good. More like, so mundane I wanted to stab my Bic pen through my eyeball just to add excitement to the class. Wonder if that would excuse me from future classes? Better not take the risk. Being blind probably would affect my writing performance.

At least classes are done for the day, but now the hard part sets in. I trek back to my apartment pondering what I will do to keep myself busy for the rest of the day.

3:08 p.m.

I've used the past few hours catching up on homework. I rarely read when a teacher tells us to, so I thought I would be a good student and actually do the assignment. Although, it's not exactly the most exciting way to spend an afternoon, I feel like I've accomplished something.

4 p.m.

I spent the last 40 minutes sleeping, which will probably be the best part of my day. I think I'll go pick up a couple newspapers and find out what's going on in the world since I'm quarantined from TV and Internet. If anything, I can always do the puzzles in the paper if the news is boring.

5:10 p.m.

OK, I'll admit it. It's getting tough now. I literally did spend the last hour doing crossword and Sudoku puzzles in the newspapers. Slightly sad, but luckily my roommates are back. Now I won't have to suffer in silence.

6:30 p.m.

So officially call me pathetic. There went my last cheat. I cringed for it. I needed a fix like a junkie on crack cocaine. I was desperate and gave in.

Apparently, Facebook has its stern reigns on my soul and convinced me to have a sweet taste of its evil, social addiction. Truthfully, it was worth it. But now I've realized I have a problem. I truly am addicted to Facebook. But admitting the problem is the always the first step to recovery.

8:15 p.m.

My roommates and I visited Wal-Mart—the economy beast of boredom. Who knew you could spend an hour perusing the vast amounts of makeup, office supplies and other random objects in the corporate giant's warehouse.

I was a sucker for their impulse advertising techniques. I grabbed everything and anything in sight that looked moderately interesting. Of course I spent too much money as usual. But I left with an armload of Wal-Mart stamped plastic bags, a dent in my wallet and a boost in morale.

11 p.m.

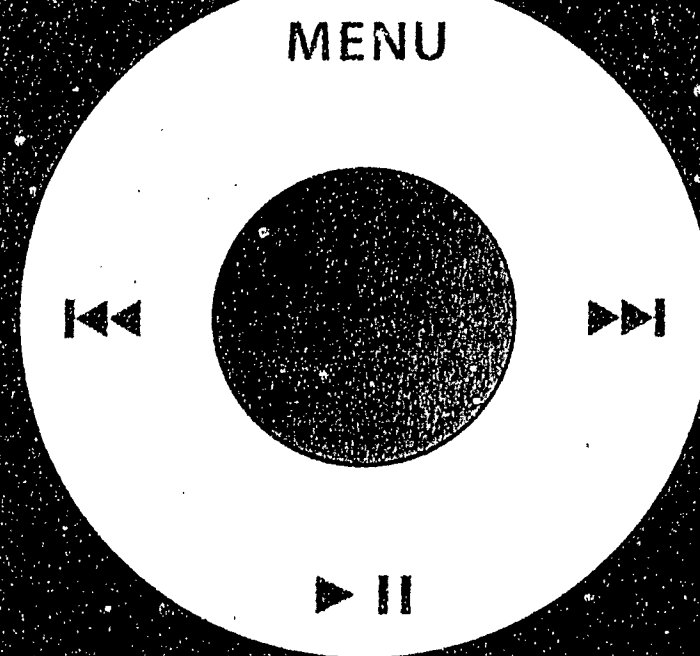
Right now I feel like I should've skipped that 40 minute nap as I lay wide-eyed staring at the ceiling resembling cottage cheese.

My mind races about all the things I missed that went on in the world. I probably should've used my cheat to check my e-mail instead of Facebook. I'm so irresponsible.

Who knew it would be so difficult to exclude everything digital? I can't wait until tomorrow when life will start back over—just the way Bill Gates intended.

Quick facts

718 million	Average of global Internet users.
3.6 hours	Average time spent on the Internet per day.
10 million	Number of iTunes customers.
22 million	Number of people who have purchased an iPod.



Quick facts

7 to 10
Average years a person spends watching TV by the age of 70.

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Sept. 8—Nebraska-Omaha, Omaha, Neb. 6 p.m.
Sept. 15—Missouri Western, St. Joseph, Mo. 6 p.m.
Sept. 22 Truman State, (Hickory Stick) 1 p.m.
Sept. 29 Southwest Baptist, (Family Weekend) 6 p.m.
Oct. 6—Pittsburg State (Fall Classic at Arrowhead VI) Kansas City, Mo., 2 p.m.
Oct. 13—Central Missouri, 1 p.m.
Oct. 20—Fort Hays State, Fort Hays, Kan., 2 p.m.
Oct. 27—Washburn, (Homecoming) 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 3—Emporia State, Emporia, Kan. 1 p.m.
Nov. 10—Missouri Southern, 1 p.m.
Nov. 17—NCAA Playoffs, First Round TBA
Nov. 24—NCAA Playoffs, Second Round TBA
Dec. 1—NCAA Playoffs, Quarterfinals TBA
Dec. 8—NCAA Playoffs, Semifinals TBA
Dec. 15—Division II Championship Florence, Ala. TBA

*Home games in bold

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Defense carried Northwest back to the national championship game last season.

One thing missing from that title game and the year before was offense. The last two years, Northwest has returned home from Florence, Ala., empty-handed.

Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma insists returning to 'Bama isn't the only thing on his teams' mind.

"The disappointment from '05 was a real motivating factor for us last year and I think that's a motivating factor again this year," Tjeerdsma said as he begins his 14th season at Northwest. "I think these guys haven't narrowed it to just that, but they're looking at the whole thing. We've got an MIAA conference championship to defend, we've got a tough schedule, we play at Arrowhead again. I think they know that if we really prepare well and play well, we're going to be successful. We've got the ability. There's no doubt about that."

This season, the offense is expected to set the tempo, much like last year's defense that held opponents to just over 11 points per game.

"That would be an expectation," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "Offensively, we should be in very good shape."

Last season, the offense averaged over 33 points per game, but were held to 14 points by Grand Valley State as it eliminated Northwest for the second straight year. Senior running back Xavier Omon thinks it's time to let the offense drive the wagon.

"That defense carried us last year and maybe this year, it should be the offense that carries us," Omon said, who rushed for 1,518 yards and 22 touchdowns last season. "I don't want to say we're not confident in our defense, but we've got to score more points. We've got to be more efficient than last year."

Senior quarterback Josh Mathews returns this season after throwing for over 3,300 yards and 23 touchdowns. Mathews enjoyed a relatively flawless playoff per-



file photo

QUARTERBACK JOSH MATHEWS (left) and Xavier Omon (right) are expected to lead the Northwest offense that averaged over 33 points per game before being held to 14 points in last year's national championship.

formance, passing for 713 yards with four touchdowns and one interception. That all came to a screeching halt when he threw three interceptions—all in the red zone, in the title game.

Omon said he's confident his "partner in crime" will bounce back. He's also confident that the offense, which returns eight starters, can take it to the next level if they can have longer drives, less three-and-outs and fewer penalties.

"I feel like as long as we don't get too over-confident, we should be fine," Omon said. "We've got a lot of talent."

The offensive line took the

most hits, losing Joe Holtzclaw and Gabe Frank to graduation. Holtzclaw is now a student assistant, working with the offensive line. Stepping in are linemen Jeremy Davis and Kyle Dunn, who both saw significant time last year.

Brant Gregg starts at fullback position, replacing Zach Sherman, who graduated. He's also back as a student assistant, working with the running backs. Gregg is recovering from a broken finger and is not expected to be back in time for Saturday's game against the University of Nebraska-Omaha. LaRon Council is listed at fullback until Gregg's return.

#93 TJ Kaatman—DT

6-2
290 lbs. Sr.
St. Louis, Mo. (Eastern Illinois)

-Played in 12 games as a reserve last season.
-Had two tackles in three different games during junior season.
-Played two seasons at Eastern Illinois.
-Named 6A first team All-Missouri state twice.

#1 Chris LeFlore—CB

5-10
190 lbs. Sr.
Omaha, Neb. (Univ. of Nebraska)

-Had a career high seven tackles during last season's national championship game.
-Walked-on and was redshirted during his freshman season.
-Named honorable mention All-State by the Omaha World Herald in senior season.

#32 Evan Wilmes—LB

5-11
215 lbs. So.
Maryville, Mo.

-Starting for the injured Tommy Miller.
-Appeared in 15 games as a freshman.
-Posted a career high three tackles against Southwest Baptist.
-Named first team All-State while at Maryville.

#60 Jeremy Davis—OL

6-3
300 lbs. Jr.
Port Neches, Texas (Univ. of Houston)

-Played in 13 games as a reserve offensive lineman during 2006 campaign.
-Redshirted for Division I Houston University during his freshman year.
-All-state during high school and named one of the top 10 offensive linemen in the area by the Houston Chronicle.

#55 Kyle Dunn—OL

6-4
295 lbs. Sr.
St. Louis, Mo. (North Iowa Area CC)

-Played in 15 games as a reserve offensive guard during the 2006 season.
-While at North Iowa Area Community College, Dunn played offensive line for two years.
-Named to the Missouri High School all-state team at Hazelwood East.

#54 Matt Robertson—LB

6-1
235 lbs. Sr.
Sunrise, Fla. (Iowa State Univ.)

-Named academic All-Big XII conference in 2005.
-One of two Cyclone players to record 103 tackles in 2005.
-Played high school football at Piper.

#97 Sean Paddock—DE

6-2
255 lbs. So.
Bettendorf, Iowa (Pleasant Valley HS)

-Tied for the team lead with seven and a half sacks.
-Had a team-high three forced fumbles.
-Named first team All-State while at Pleasant Valley, and was the only player to be named to the offensive and defensive all-conference teams.

#29 Brant Gregg—FB

5-8
220 lbs. Jr.
Maryville, Mo.

-Had a career high 89 yards against Southwest Baptist last season.
-Rushed for his first career rushing touchdown against Central Missouri last year.
-During his freshman season, rushed for season-best 24 yards against Southwest Baptist.

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OCTOBER 13
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NW FOOTBALL

Defense reloads for 2007 campaign

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

A year can make quite a difference. And for the Northwest football team, it has changed an entire identity.

After last year's defensive make-up shaped the Bearcats, the offense has its turn with eight returning starters. The defense, on the other hand, must replace six positions, four of which were All-Americans.

With four All-Americans, last year's defense allowed only 16 first quarter points, 248 yards per game and only five teams to register three scores or more. However, the task doesn't seem to overwhelm Northwest defensive coordinator Scott Bostwick.

"Each defense is different," Bostwick said. "The guys who graduated are going to be hard

to replace, there's no questioning that. But this year's defense just needs time to identify themselves."

And time is something defensive co-captain Jared Erspamer said this defense will need to reach last year's milestones.

"Obviously we lost a lot of guys, and we don't expect to start off right where we left off," Erspamer said. "In a few games, we'll see what we're made of."

Erspamer, a second team MIAA all-conference selection, anchors a linebacking core trying to replace Ben Harness and Thomas Smith, both All-Americans. Harness and Smith posted 56 and 88 tackles, respectively, while Erspamer finished with 72 tackles, putting him second on the team behind Smith.

Tommy Miller, Evan Wilmes and Iowa State senior transfer

Matt Robertson will look to match last year's linebacker production. Robertson led Iowa State with 103 tackles in 2005, before being dismissed by the team for taking a NCAA-banned substance.

Miller was slotted in the other linebacker position, before injuring his tibia. The injury was only supposed to sideline the senior two or three weeks, but now it looks like he will miss the University of Nebraska-Omaha game.

Wilmes, who made the start against Arkansas Tech, will fill the void, and Bostwick said this is a good learning experience.

"This was the one spot we didn't need a hit," Bostwick said. "After Miller, really no one else had seen time at the linebacker position. But this is the beauty of an injury, I guess, because now Wilmes has to step up and show us what he can do."

The 'Cats also face the task of replacing two All-Americans on the defensive line, Ryan Waters and Kyle Kaiser. However, co-captain Dallas Flynn and Terry

Bilbro each started last year, and newcomers Sean Paddock and T.J. Kaatman saw significant playing time last year.

The defensive secondary is an area where not much change will occur. Myles Burnside returns for his sophomore season, after being named to the honorable mention MIAA all-conference team as a freshman.

After starting the season's first five games last year, Chris Termini makes his return to the starting line-up as a strong safety. Termini closed the season with 32 tackles in only 12 games last season.

Chris LeFlore, a transfer from the University of Nebraska Lincoln last season, debuts in the opposite cornerback position as returning starter Brandon Clayton.

LeFlore produced a career high seven tackles in the national championship game last year.

Head coach Mel Tjeerdema said the defensive changes should not be a big obstacle to overcome.

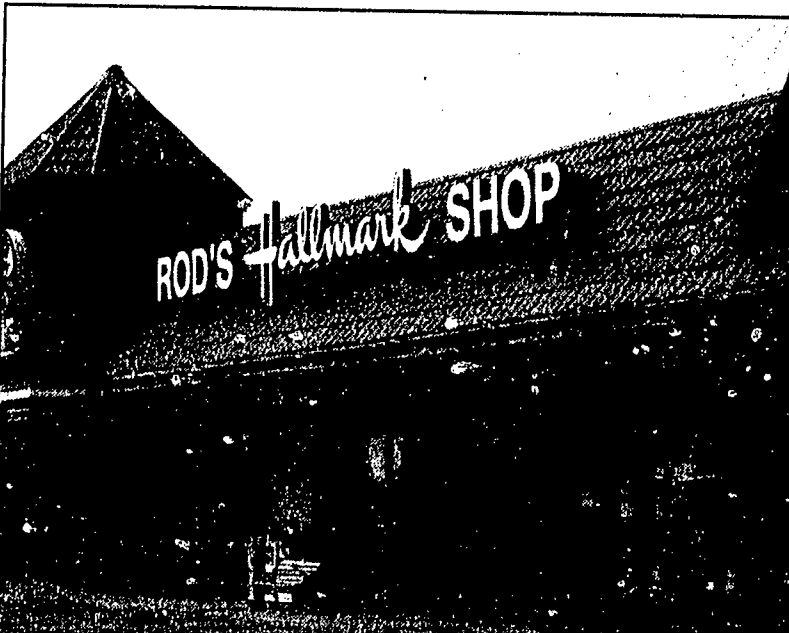
"We have a lot of speed," Tjeerdema said. "This is probably the best overall speed we've ever had. Our defense will get better as the season goes along and they are very focused. They want to be at this level and that will carry us a long ways."

This newly shaped defense will have to mature quickly, as the first game is at a place the 'Cats haven't won since 1996.

"The jury is still out on this defense, and their first game will be a hell of a test," Bostwick said. "We'll see what these guys are made of."



NORTHWEST'S DEFENSIVE line is one area where the Bearcats lack depth. Dallas Flynn and Terry Bilbro are the only returning starters, while T.J. Kaatman and Sean Paddock will fill in the voids left by Kyle Kaiser and Ryan Waters.



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Sept. 15—UNL/Woody Greeno Invitational, Lincoln, Neb., 10 a.m.
Sept. 29—Roy Griak Invitational (Women), Minneapolis, 9 a.m.
Sept. 29—Sean Earl Loyola Lakefront Run (Men), Chicago, 12:15 p.m.
Oct. 13—Christian Brothers Brooks Twilight Invitational, Memphis, Tenn., 10:10 a.m.
Oct. 20—MIAA Championships Kirksville, Mo., 10:30 a.m.
Nov. 3—NCAA South Central Regional, Joplin, Mo., 9:30 a.m.

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

There's no mistaking the most glaring similarity between the Northwest men and women's cross country teams — youth.

The men are welcoming eight new runners, while the women feature only one senior. Women's coach Scott Lorek said although his team features one senior, he is surprised at how fast his young runners have adjusted to running collegiate cross country.

"We actually have good depth," Lorek said. "The girls have a good atmosphere around them to get better, and we understand it may take a month for the new runners to develop."

One way that development will occur is from the leadership of senior Karah Spader and junior Anna O'Brien. Spader finished first on the squad at the MIAA Championships last season, while

O'Brien has placed first on the Bearcats in every race except one.

Spader said it will take time for the team to hit stride.

"We have a lot of talent, but we're just young," Spader said. "I can tell the freshmen worked hard over the summer, but they just need to learn how to compete in a race. And that will take time."

"They just have to stay calm and keep focused on the race."

After becoming the first Northwest women's runner to finish first at meet since 1998, O'Brien is looking for more success during her junior campaign. Always a competitor, O'Brien said the last two years have been a learning experience, and she intends to continue making strides towards winning meets.

"The first year I was here, I learned a lot, and then last year I began trusting myself and my teammates more," O'Brien said. "I have become much more competi-

tive during my time here."

O'Brien hopes the younger runners can feed off her competitive attitude.

"The younger runners just need to learn more about competing at this level," O'Brien said. "Hopefully Karah and I can display good work ethic during practice, and then the team can see our determination."

For coach Richard Alsop's men, a mixture of junior college transfers and freshmen must replace graduate Matt Pohren's production. Pohren finished first for the 'Cats in every race last season.

"It's way too early to tell what kind of a group we'll have this year," Alsop said. "We have some really good athletes, and we'll see how they respond in a race. Time will tell."

Brandon Dart returns as the early favorite to be a top runner. Dart finished second on the team once last season.

Challenging Dart for a top spot could be newcomer Ben Chappell. Chappell ran at West Valley in San Jose, Calif., before giving up the sport. Now, after

moving to St. Joseph with his wife, he's returned to school and is running at Northwest.


"I took a couple years off because I got burned out and endured some different injuries," Chappell said. "But during these last couple of years, I have still been in training."

Although Chappell has not trained with a team for two years, he has been working with his brother, a professional distance runner.

"I competed at a high level when I ran competitively, so I'm anxious to see where I'm at right now," Chappell said. "I have been training hard, but now we'll see how I handle training with going to college."

Chappell, O'Brien and Spader will see where they stand when stepping on the new Northwest cross country course Saturday. The first-place finishers will set new course records on an almost 100 percent grass surfaced course.

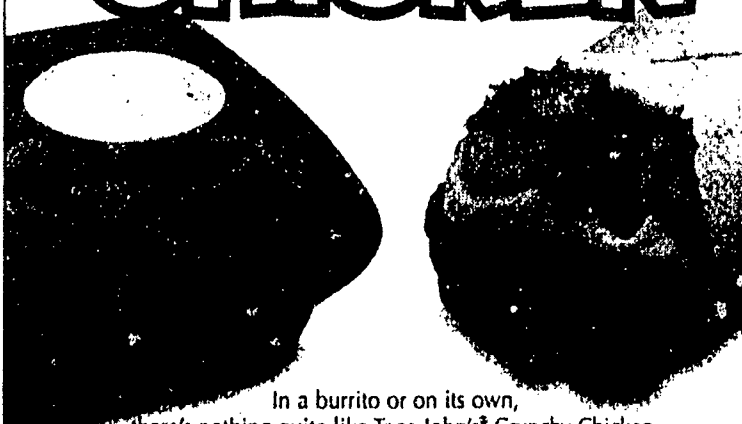
The Bearcat/Spoofhound Open starts with high school girls at 9 a.m., followed by high school boys at 9:30 a.m. The Northwest women and men begin at 10 and 10:30 a.m., respectively.



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'Cats must be more productive on road



KRISTA POLLMAN (right) is one of seven starters looking to fill the scoring void left by Kayla Griffin. Through two games in 2006, the team had seven goals. In two games this season, Northwest has one goal.

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

There's no place like home.

That statement couldn't be truer than for the 2006 Northwest women's soccer team. The Bearcats went 6-3-1 at home.

However, a 2-6 road record kept Northwest out of the playoffs as they finished with a school-record nine wins.

"We would like to get better results from those games on the road," Northwest coach Tracy Hoza said as she begins her fifth season.

Last year, in five road games against Washburn, Central Missouri, Missouri Southern, Truman State, and Southwest Baptist, the Bearcats didn't notch a single goal, losing all five.

So far this year, the 'Cats are 0-1 on the road—losing 1-0 to Upper Iowa Aug. 24.

Scoring more goals in road games will have to be done without last year's top scorer Kayla Griffin, who scored seven goals and led the team with 15 points.

"Not only was her goal scoring one of the best, so was her work ethic," Hoza said. "She really did affect the play-

ers that she was around."

Two of the players Hoza expects to help fill Griffin's goal scoring shoes are Amy Jackson, who will be converted to midfielder after playing defender last year, and Krista Obley. Jackson had four goals last year, while Obley missed nine games with an injury.

The 'Cat's efficiency around the goal has been an issue early in the season. In two matches, they have a 3.1 shooting percentage with one goal scored in 32 attempts.

More goal scoring on the road might be the key to getting over the hump and into a winning season this year. However, doing so means finishing around the net, Hoza said.

One thing the 'Cats have, is the ability to keep getting better, senior forward Marti Trummer said.

The 'Cats continue their attempts to win on the road at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, in Tahlequah, Okla., against Northeastern State.

The 'Cats began their conference schedule, Sept. 14, at Southwest Baptist.

"There are a lot of hard teams in our conference, but we're just as hard," Trummer said. "No one underestimates us anymore."

Bearcat Soccer Schedule

Sept. 9—North-eastern (Okla.) State Tahlequah, Okla., 2:30 p.m.
Sept. 14—Southwest Baptist, Bolivar, Mo., 4 p.m.
Sept. 15—Missouri Southern, Joplin, Mo., 4 p.m.
Sept. 21—Emporia State, Bearcat Pitch, 2 p.m.
Sept. 22—Washburn, Bearcat Pitch, 2 p.m.
Sept. 28—Missouri Western, Bearcat Pitch, 2 p.m.
Sept. 29—Central Missouri, Bearcat Pitch, 4 p.m.
Oct. 3—Truman, Kirksville, Mo., 2 p.m.
Oct. 7—Truman, Bearcat Pitch, 2 p.m.
Oct. 12—Washburn, Topeka, Kan., 7 p.m.
Oct. 13—Emporia State, Emporia, Kan., 7 p.m.
Oct. 19—Missouri Southern, Bearcat Pitch, 2 p.m.
Oct. 20—Southwest Baptist, Bearcat Pitch, 2 p.m.
Oct. 26—Central Missouri, Warrensburg, Mo., 7 p.m.
Oct. 27—Missouri Western, St. Joseph, Mo., 7 p.m.
Nov. 3-4—MIAA Tournament, TBA, TBA



Bearcats begin youth movement

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

The 2007 Northwest volleyball team will have a youthful look this year as coach Anna Tool fields a team of 10 players, half of which are freshmen.

This year's squad includes three new transfers, all of whom are freshmen or sophomores.

"We're looking for that consistent leadership from either a freshman or a sophomore right now," Tool said.

Graduation and the decision by some players to leave, caused the team's new look. The 'Cats have lost their top four scorers from last season.

To solve this problem, Tool brought in outside hitter Alicia Johnson from the University of Iowa.

"At the outside hitting position we've actually added some depth..." Tool said. "Alicia Johnson will be our go to player on offense."

Johnson, a 5-foot-9-inch sophomore from Tripoli, Iowa, isn't shying away from that burden either, but said she's ready for the pressure.

After two tournaments, Johnson is second on the team with 88 kills, but admitted that she needs to improve her hitting efficiency.

Hitting efficiency was one of the key factors in the 'Cats 2-2 performance in the Nebraska-Kearney Volleyball Classic. In their two wins, the 'Cats posted a combined 42 attack errors. In their two losses they had 67.

Hitting improved during the St. Edwards Volleyball Classic last weekend. The 'Cats notched 75 hitting errors in all of their matches, but still managed a 2-2 record over those four games.

The team's inability to remain

consistent at all times could be contributed to inexperience, Tool said.

The 'Cats are inexperienced, but setter Katie Swenson thinks the youth movement will pay off.

"I think it does help that we're all around the same age," Swenson said. "We'll see though. I think it'll be good."

Along with the youth movement comes competition for playing time.

"My main goal with recruiting was to add depth and create competition," Tool said. "You have to have depth to succeed."

Success will be an uphill battle. The 'Cats face a schedule full of teams that ended last season ranked in the Top 25, including Truman State, Washburn and Nebraska-Omaha, according to Neaasports.com.

NW GOLF

Golf beginning first season

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Jessica Feuerbach didn't know if she'd play golf, collegiately. After all, she didn't take golf seriously until her junior year at Class 2A Regina High in Iowa City, Iowa.

"My coach flat out told me that if I wanted to play golf in college, that I was going to have to work at it," Feuerbach said.

After winning a state championship in her senior year, she narrowed her choice to Northwest and Iowa State — two schools she said had the best Horticulture program — she chose Northwest.

Feuerbach is one of nine golfers that comprises the inaugural season of women's golf. Eight of the nine golfers were state qualifiers in high school, while the lone golfer missed qualifying by one stroke.

The history of women's golf from club sport to varsity sport began with first-year coach Pat McLaughlin's daughter, Megan.

"Her sophomore year, she

said 'Dad, we need a golf team.' I said 'Well, how do we do that,'" McLaughlin said.

From there, women's golf became a club sport in 2001. In April 2006, the Board of Regents approved a proposal by Northwest athletic director Bob Boeriger to make golf a varsity sport.

McLaughlin said he is enjoying his first year as a college coach. He's even enjoying learning NCAA regulations and the competency tests he had to take before being given the reigns of the program in May 2006.

"It's exciting," McLaughlin said. "When I was the club coach, I could do whatever I want, but now I've had to learn so much more as a college coach and I owe my thanks to Dr. Sue (Reinders, Assistant Athletic Director)."

Northwest opens the non-championship season Sept. 13 when they host the Bearcat Invitational at Mozingo Lake Golf Course. Monday and Tuesday, the team will play two rounds of golf to determine the top-five golfers. Before each tournament, they'll play two rounds to set up

the top-five golfers.

Feuerbach enjoys the competition.

"It's not often that you compete against your own teammates, but it'll be fun," Feuerbach said.

Bearcat Golf Schedule

Sept. 13—Bearcat Invitational, Mozingo Lake Golf Course
Sept. 17—Graceland Invitational, Graceland University Golf Course
Sept. 21-22—Rockhurst Invitational, Claycrest Golf Course
Sept. 30-Oct. 1—Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational, Pioneer and Highlands Golf Courses
Oct. 4-5—William Jewell Invitational, Claycrest Golf Course
Oct. 19—Avila Invitational, Ironhorse Golf Club

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MHS FOOTBALL

Senior-led 'Hounds eye district title

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

Last season, an inexperienced Maryville football team battled inconsistency en route to a 4-6 record.

A lack of experience will not be a problem this season as the Spoofhounds, who already knocked off their biggest rival last week, have returning starters at nearly every position.

With 14 returning starters, and just three of whom being two-way players, the expectations have risen.

Second-year coach Chris Holt said a third consecutive season without a play-off appearance will be very difficult to stomach.

"We've set a goal for ourselves to compete for a district championship," Holt said. "If we're not in the playoffs, I think this team would see that as a failure."

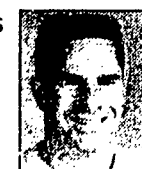
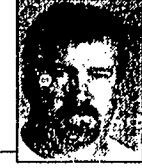
"I just think if we don't win our district, that's not going to be good enough. We're a totally different team (than last year.) Senior leadership has been huge and we're just miles ahead of where we were last year at this time."

Of those 17 starters, nine are on the offense, including every skill position. Senior quarterback Andy Walter returns after throwing for 757 yards and 10 touchdowns last season. Senior Malcolm Swinford and junior Adam Mattson will

be taking the majority of Walter's handoffs. Mattson finished with 898 rushing yards in 2006, and was All-MEC as a sophomore.

Senior Tanner Archer will occasionally play at wide receiver after totaling 294 yards a year

How previous Maryville coaches fared in first two years

Chuck Lliteras
1990-2000
1990: N/A
1991: 1-9John Pelzer
2001-2003
2001: 4-6
2002: 8-2Paul Miller
2004-2005
2004: 9-3
2005: 2-7Chris Holt
2006-?
2006: 4-6
2007: ?

ago. "Anything that involves athletic kids that can run, we've got that covered," Holt said. "Offensive and defensive line, we could

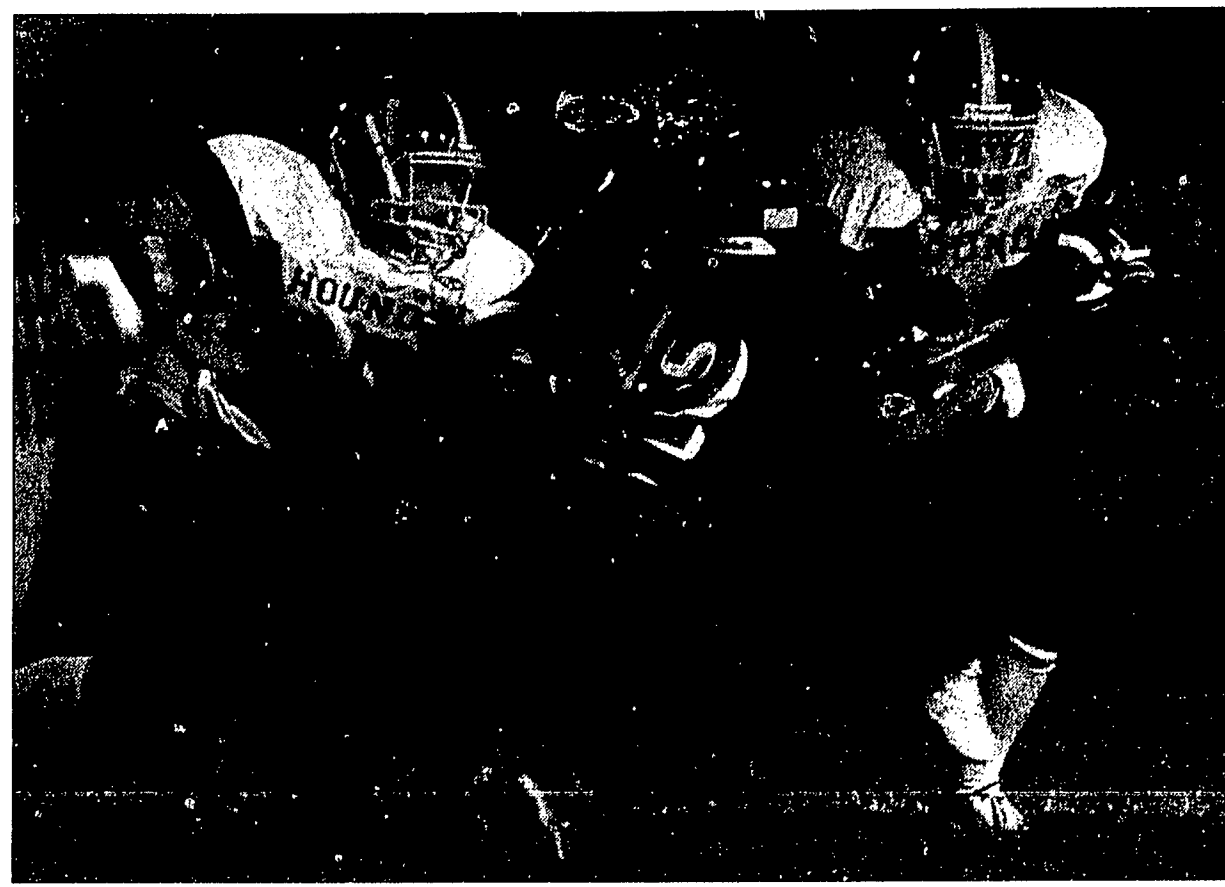


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MARYVILLE SENIOR HALFBACK Malcom Swinford (right) attempts to elude Chillicothe cornerback Tyson Blattner. Swinford is expected to be one of the two feature backs in the Spoofhounds' offense this season.

use more depth."

The offensive line returns Spencer Twaddle and Dillon Owens, while the remainder of the unit is new. Junior guard Tanner Walter will be out for a few weeks while recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery.

Defensively, the team returns nine starters, and only one, Mattson, is a full-time two-way player.

Two-time All-MEC middle linebacker Tyler Ogelsby leads the unit with Archer, a safety, spearheading the charge in the secondary. Seniors Luke Lancaster and Jeremy Davis will line up on the line with junior John Schreck aiding the linebacking corps. Ogelsby is out for a few weeks with a separated shoulder.

While the unit is going to be fresh as only a few will see time on offense, that is not the only advantage it possesses.



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MARYVILLE JUNIOR tailback Adam Mattson gets a rare breather in the fourth quarter of Maryville's 20-18 win over Chillicothe. Mattson rushed for 102 yards on the night.

"You want to say what does Maryville got, they've got speed," defensive coordinator Brian Lohfer said. "If you take my defensive tackle off, I think everyone on our defense runs at least a 4.5, if not a 4.4 40 and that includes the defensive line."

Mattson said team unity and

overall comprehension of the coaching philosophy will make the difference this season.

"We know what we're doing a lot more and there's just more experience out there this year," Mattson said. "Everyone's coming and playing as a team. I think MEC champs is a pretty good goal for us."

While Holt sees his team as vastly improved from his initial campaign, he still coaches a Class 2 team in a conference filled with Class 3 and 4 schools. But, like his running back, he won't count his 'Hounds out of the MEC race.

"I really think it's Platte County's race to take care of but we would love to think we're up there in the top two or three," he said. "Just don't hand the trophy over yet to Platte County. We'd like to have some say in it."

MHS VOLLEYBALL

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

When hearing the Maryville volleyball team's starting lineup, don't be shocked if those names seem slightly similar to last year's names. In fact, don't be surprised when all six starters announced are the same as last year's.

Head coach Lori Klaus' second year seems to be off to the right start with three seniors, one junior and two sophomores leading the starting unit for the second consecutive year.

"With our experience, we're speeding up the offense more, and we should win quite a few more matches," Klaus said. "We've learned a lot from last year, and I've seen a different attitude during practice. This team wants to win more this year, and that all starts with the leadership stepping up."

That leadership starts with the Spoofhounds' two captains, seniors Leah Wilmes and Jayme Mattson.

Klaus said Wilmes and Mattson's experience was integral during summer workouts.

"Both captains are really good leaders," Klaus said. "The team really looks up to them. They work hard, so the rest of the team works hard with them."

During the summer, the team endured workout regimens three days a week, including conditioning and

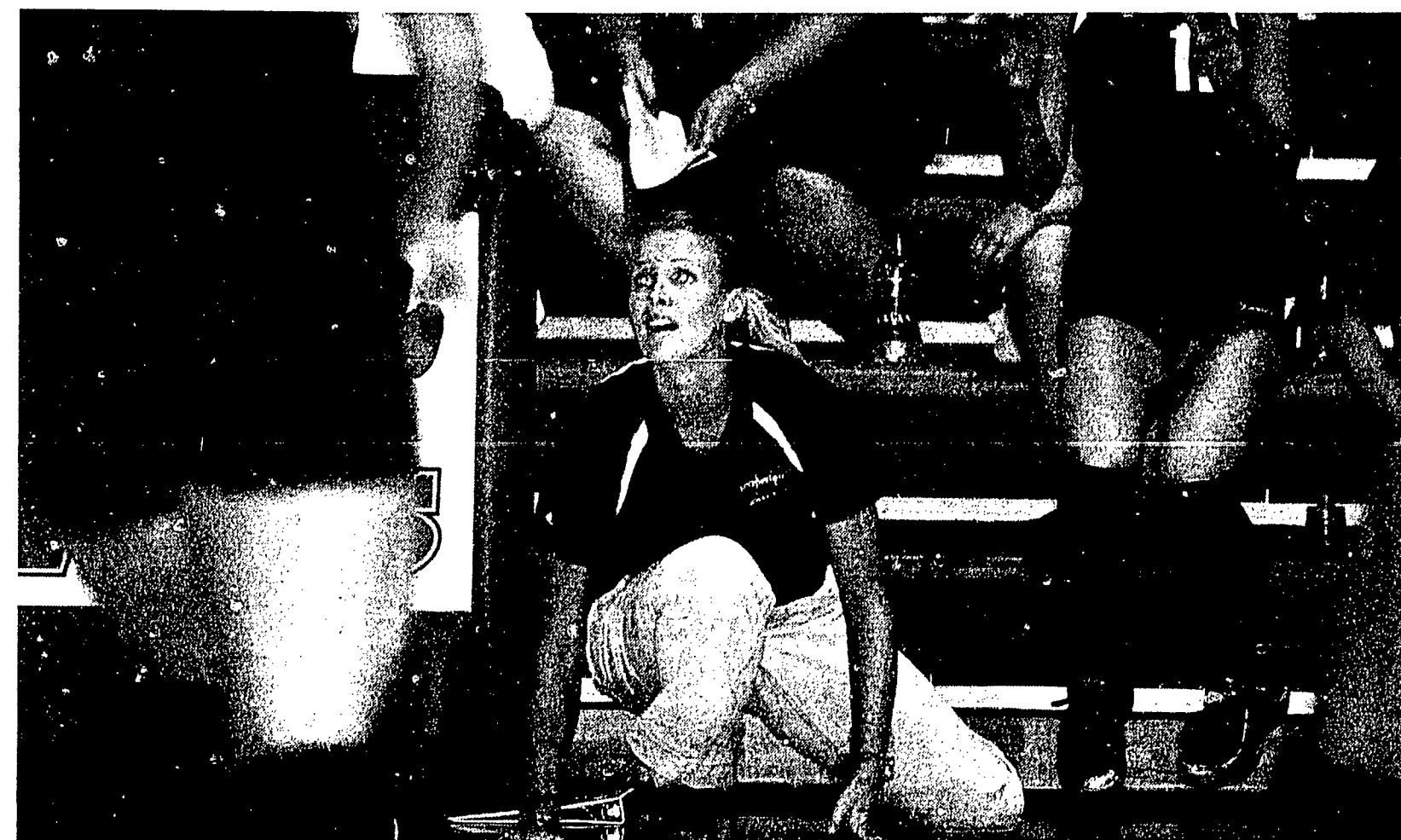


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MARYVILLE COACH Lori Klaus watches action intently during the Spoofhounds season opener. Klaus' team returns all six starters from last year's team.

two-a-days during August, Wilmes said.

Wilmes also said these sessions helped build team chemistry.

"As a team, we're really good friends," Wilmes said. "And after this summer, we've gotten to know each other even better. That will definitely help us on the court because we know what to expect from each other."

And expectations are just what this team has. Not only are the 'Hounds returning all six starters, sophomore outside hitter Jessica From returns.

From was named first team All-Conference last year as a freshman.

"The expectations make me a little nervous, but I know I just have to play the best I can on every point," From said. "Last year I came in and learned the quickness of the game, and now I hope to keep improving my game this year."

Alongside From, junior

Sam McGinness, sophomore Jordan Stiens and senior Abbie Florea round out the starting six.

McGinness, a setter, was named to an all-camp team during a summer volleyball tournament.

Despite losing narrowly to Clarinda during their season's first match, the 'Hounds are set on making noise in district play this season.

"I think the team is more enthusiastic this year," Mattson said. "We can expect a lot more this year, and we should challenge for the district."

Spoofhound Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 6—at Platte County, 5 p.m.
Sept. 8—Winnetonka Tournament, 8 a.m.
Sept. 11—at Benton, 5 p.m.
Sept. 13—at Lafayette, 5 p.m.
Sept. 18—at Chillicothe, 5 p.m.
Sept. 20—Cameron, 5 p.m.
Sept. 25—Lafayette, 5 p.m.
Sept. 27—at Savannah, 5 p.m.
Oct. 1—Rock Port, 5 p.m.
Oct. 4—Benton, 5 p.m.
Oct. 6—'Hounds invite at MHS/MMS, 8 a.m.
Oct. 9—Savannah, 5 p.m.
Oct. 11—Chillicothe, 5 p.m.
Oct. 15—at Fairfax, 5 p.m.
Oct. 16—Smithville, 5 p.m.
Oct. 22-26—Districts
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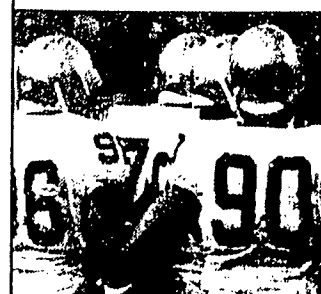
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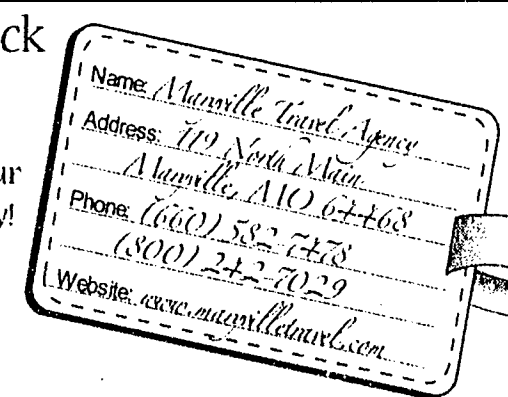
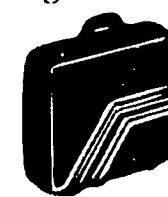
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New-look 'Hounds eager to surprise MEC



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MARYVILLE MUST replace seven starters off last year's team, including pitcher Caitlin Woods.

Spoofhound Softball Schedule

Sept. 6 — JV/V vs. Benton, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 11 — V vs. Chillicothe, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 13 — JV/V at Smithville, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 17 — JV/V at Jefferson, 5 p.m.
Sept. 18 — JV/V at Platte County, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 20 — JV/V at Benton, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 24 — JV/V vs. Lafayette, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 27 — JV/V vs. North Platte, 5 p.m.

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

When a team graduates seven starters, a rebuilding year is usually in the cards for the next campaign.

The Maryville softball team returns just two starters from last year's squad, but coach Jacqui Conn is not ready to write off 2007 as such just yet.

"Even though we lost quite a few starters, we have a lot of young girls with a lot of talent," Conn said. "These underclassmen that are coming up play at a very high level in the summer. (They play) a lot of competitive traveling ball so they get a lot of experience that way. They have a lot of game experience even though they don't have a lot of years behind them."

In losing pitcher Caitlin Woods, catcher Megan Watkins, first baseman Tara Barmann, second baseman Emily Howell and third baseman Lindsey Schreck, the Spoofhounds need nearly an entire new infield.

Replacing the departing infielders are freshman Matea Wooten at third, sophomores Mariah and Molly Stiens at first and second and freshmen Jordan Wallace and Drew Coleman will share time behind the plate. Mariah Stiens and Megan Walker will get most of the starts on the mound.

While the theme of this team is new faces on the diamond, the lone senior holdover will be counted on most for her play and veteran presence on the field.

"Jordan Gadbois is our shortstop and she's a great vocal leader for us in the infield," Conn said. "The freshmen are great skill players but they're not quite used to communicating like they need to quite yet so she's a great leader for us."

Another newcomer on this year's team is freshman center fielder Taylor Gadbois, who already notched a game-clinching RBI against Cameron. The younger Gadbois is looking forward to her only year playing alongside her sister in

Maryville green and yellow.

"One of my goals this year is just to have fun and play with my sister," Taylor said. "I've played with her in summer ball but I really like playing with her on the high school team."

After an underachieving 9-12 finish last season, Conn sees no reason this young team (already 3-1) cannot surprise some teams as this season progresses.

"I don't want to say one team is better than the other because they're just completely different," Conn said. "The one team (last year's) had played together for so long, so they really played for each other and they had a lot of heart. This team, we don't have a lot of that but they've played a lot of ball before and they're so willing to learn."

"At the season's end, we talk about having no regrets and that's our goal for the year. Every game playing all out. Every practice going all out. Hopefully that leads us to be the best."

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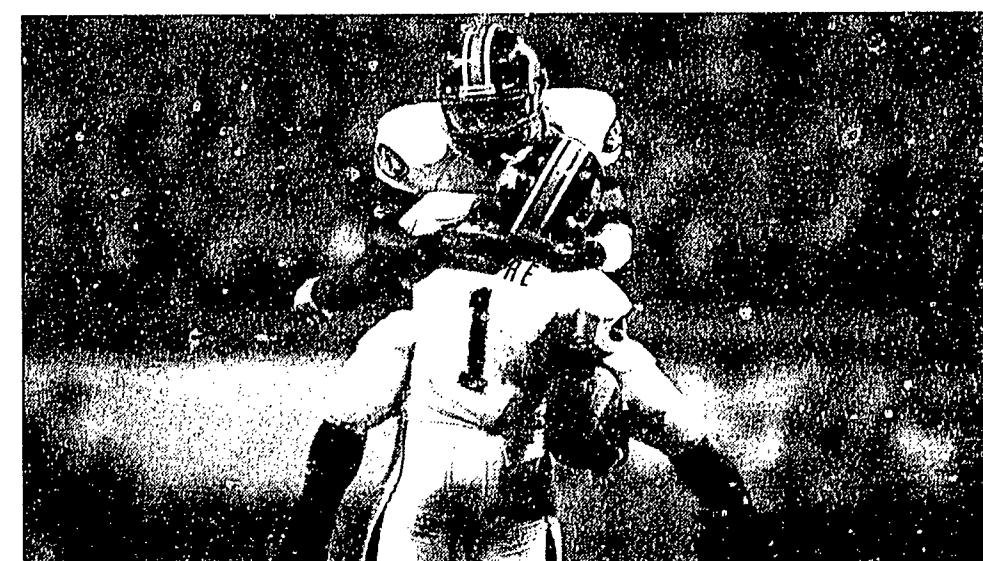


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MISSOURI'S CORNELIUS BROWN, facing the camera, celebrates with William Morore after Moore picked off a pass late in the game to end an Illinois drive. Missouri defeated Illinois, 40-34, at Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Missouri, Saturday, Sept. 1.

MHS SPORTS CAPSULE



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MHS Soccer

Returning letter winners: 12
Key loss: Victor Septulvedo-muro
Player to watch: John Seipel
Coach Stuart Collins: "We've focused a lot on keeping our shape, making sure everybody covers for each other... and we've worked on that quite a bit for these first three weeks, and they're doing a good job."



Kalin Miles
MHS golfer

MHS golf

Returning letter winners: 4
Key player lost: Sara Hayes
Players to watch: Kalin Miles, Kim Hanna
Coach Brenda Ricks: "It will take about a 100 average (per player) to win at districts. So if Kalin can shoot in the 80s, and everyone else can average around 100, we have a good shot."

Discipline shown in season opening win

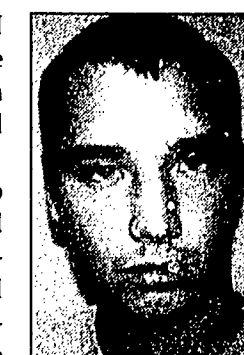
A week ago, I was ready to write a column about an undisciplined football team.

I was ready to take everything I'd seen from the Spoofhounds last year and use those shortcomings as an example of why the 'Hounds won't live up to their ever-rising expectations.

I was ready to declare that people must lower their expectations for this team, and the teams that follow, because they just couldn't hang with the Chillicothe and Platte Countys of the world anymore.

In short, I was ready to write them off.

I was wrong, and they proved



Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

it.

Was the 'Hounds win over Chillicothe perfect? Oh no, far from it. There were fumbles, penalties and overall miscues...all the things expected in a season opener. And after the 'Hounds went down 12-0, I was thinking, "Here we go. I was right all along."

But I wasn't, and they proved it.

Specifically, two players on two different plays showed me I was wrong. The first was Malcolm Swinford who fumbled near the goal line as the 'Hounds were poised to take the lead. That was not the play that impressed me. The play that impressed me came later in the game on a halfback pass from Adam Matt-

son. Swinford released from the fray and was wide open when Mattson's pass was thrown off target. Instead of panicking, Swinford rose to the occasion, tip-toeing the sideline for a first down reception. The catch was great and did deserve praise, but the fact that he put the fumble behind him and contributed during the rest of the game, tells me that this team is different. They can overcome adversity.

Last year's team would have fallen apart after a 12-0 deficit. Last year, a player would have been down and out after a mistake like Swinford's—not this year.

In the end, the game came down to one play, a two-point conversion attempt by Chillicothe that would have tied the game 20-20. Tension was thick as every fan, coach and player was

undoubtedly thinking, "This is the same story, different chapter." Chillicothe had the momentum and a chance to tie it. In the past, this meant that the game, was over and Chillicothe was going home victorious—not this year.

Tanner Archer stuffed Hornet quarterback Tyler Trammell at the one-yard-line with one of the best tackles I'd seen in a long time. He was in the right place at the right time. Not because of luck, but because he put himself there. He is, and the team is, a more disciplined football team than they've been in the last two years.

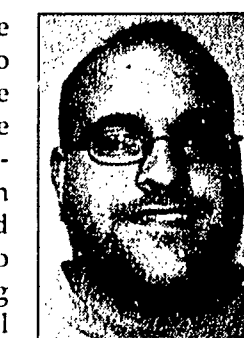
A successful season will take discipline, which means the 'Hounds must solve their fumbling and penalty problems, but they have the athletes to win. The 'Hounds don't need lowered expectations.

They proved that.

Editor predicts prosperous 2007 for fall sports

The time has come for Northwest fans to push their chips to the middle of the table and make their predictions. Each team has at least played one game, but who knows anything about a team until mid-season. Allow me to begin.

Football
2006 Result: 14-1
(Lost in national championship)



Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Defense carried Northwest to an MIAA championship and a second consecutive national championship appearance. This year, expect the offense to carry the load with eight returning starters and five defensive starters.

The offense goes through senior running back Xavier Omon. If quarterback Josh Mathews can play the same mistake-free ball he had pre-national championship, expect big things from Northwest.

Potentially standing in the way of Northwest's bid for its third championship could be

Grand Valley State, the team that has sent the Bearcats packing each of the last two years. With the regions switching this year, the two teams can only meet in the semifinals. Northwest gets by Grand Valley State in Allendale, Mich., to advance to its third straight title game.

Prediction: The offense didn't come through in the 2005 and 2006 title games. It won't happen a third time as Northwest wins the national championship, sticking it to North Alabama in Florence, yet again.

Soccer
2006 Result: 9-9-1 (Missed playoffs)

Northwest proved last year they're not the MIAA's punching bag anymore with a school record

in wins. Without leading scorer Kayla Griffin (graduated), the Bearcats don't have a definitive scorer. The defense will be there, but don't be surprised if Northwest makes some noise during this year's inaugural women's MIAA soccer tournament.

Prediction: 8-11

Volleyball
2006 Result: 14-19 (Lost in first round of MIAA tournament)

Anna Tool's first season as head coach was a memorable one. Northwest qualified for its first conference tournament in school history (started in 2003). Two years ago, the highly touted big three of Rachel Spensley, Molly Hankins and Katie Stillwell, along with Sarah Trowbridge were supposed to make the Bearcats an elite program.

Hankins and Trowbridge graduated as one of the top assists and kills leaders in school history. Spensley and Stillwell are no longer on the team for unknown reasons. Freshman Priscilla Bremer, who was to replace Trowbridge after graduation, opted not to come back. Tool's starting out fresh. The future is bright. Northwest returns to the conference tournament, but doesn't advance.

Prediction: 13-20

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